

Preface

The 15th issue year 2022 of *Icon of Faith (Icoana Credinței)*, *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Scientific Research (IFIJISR)* encompasses a group of articles on various themes, dedicated to the areas of Theology and Christian life.

The commencing paper: *THE HISTORY OF THE THEOLOGY AS RESTORATION OF THE MAN FOR A POSTMODERN CULTURE: THE VISION OF FATHER PROFESSOR DUMITRU STĂNILOAE*, by Fr. Prof. PhD. MIHAI HIMCINSCHI, present the theological thinking of Father Dumitru Stăniloae. With such a courageous initiative of an organic synthesis between history and theology, Father Dumitru Stăniloae consolidated the Church's faith when facing the danger of the Bolshevik atheism during World War Two by promoting the idea of restoration of history, of the creation, and the man through Jesus Christ. The subsequent paper, signed by Assoc. Prof. PhD Fr. Anton SAVELOVICI, bears the title: *CONFESSING FAITH BEYOND THE COMMUNIST BARS*. The confrontation between good and evil, in the 20th century, had frightening proportions. Through a twisted logic, ideologically and “scientifically” reasoned, there have been destroyed spiritually, morally, socially and economically the destinies of many people, ethnicities and countries. The next paper belonging to Fr. PhD. Răzvan BRUDIU and PhD. Student Alexandru CIUCURESCU is *THE ORTHODOX DIASPORA: ANALYSIS, NUANCE AND REDEFINITION*. The issue urged the Orthodox to look beyond the canonical perspective of impediments to marriage and to focus on more urgent issues that require attention, namely the liturgical, pastoral and ecumenical aspects of mixed marriages.

Prof. Ph.D Giovanni FAZIO and Prof. Rosanna CALLIPARI, signs the paper: *THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION REVISIT THE SHROUD IMAGE FORMATION BY RADIATIVE PROCESSES*. For some decades several scientists have claimed the formation of the Shroud body image by the radiative hypotheses. These proposals have as a start the emission, by the corpse wrapped in the burial linen, of proton or electromagnetic radiation with the wavelengths of the far ultraviolet. Paulo Nuno MARTINS signs the paper *GUADALUPE AND SOME PERSPECTIVES OF THE SACRED IMAGE: AN ESSAY*, whose central idea is the sacred image of the Virgin of Guadalupe that appeared in the tilma of the “seer” Juan Diego. The content of the “Message of Guadalupe” received by Juan Diego is also addressed. Prof. PhD. Gheorghe F. ANGHELESCU, signs the paper: *THE DISTINCTION UNCREATED-CREATED WITH SAINT ATHANASIUS THE GREAT AND ITS ROLE IN THE REJECTION OF ARIUS' HERESY*. Saint Athanasius the Great polemicized with the Greek-Roman world on topics related to the world's eternity and origin. For the Church Father and Teacher coming from Alexandria, this topic was intimately related to the crucial message of the Christian faith: the taking on of the human nature by the Divine Logos. Lastly, Fr. Prof. PhD. Adrian D. COVAN, signs the dogmatic paper: *THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND HIS LOGOS – THE PERFECT MODEL OF INTERSUBJECTIVE COMMUNICATION*. The lovely mystery of the Holy Trinity, impossible to understand for the human mind, is a paradigm for human life.

Therefore, the content of the current issue is a good invitation to reading researches on specific themes presented in the journal book. *Icon of Faith- International Journal of Interdisciplinary Scientific Research* lends expression to competent voices of researches from different countries worldwide in order to promote an excellent scientific community interested in a dynamic Christian tradition and culture, open for a constructive dialogue.