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Eastern Christian Worship in Late Modernity Challenges and Opportunities

Message from the Guest Editor

As with all Christian liturgical traditions, Eastern Christian liturgical traditions, as ecclesial practices and markers of community identity, have faced similar challenges as those faced by Catholic, Anglican, and Protestant liturgical traditions. Additionally, however, Eastern Christian liturgical traditions face unique challenges in late modernity. In such a view of modernity and Christian worship held by anti-modern communities and individuals, Eastern Christian liturgical and theological traditions become open to interpretations of Orthodox theologies and practices alien to Orthodox traditions, interpretations based upon fundamentalist theological perspectives. Furthermore, the question of liturgical language and translation continues to appear in church life, particularly in (but not limited to) “diaspora” contexts and their complex dynamics, involving language, culture, and the danger of losing young people as they become linguistically and culturally acculturate. Finally, the question of interpretation arises in unique ways in Eastern Christian liturgical traditions today.

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