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## *Nicholai Studies* Notices, January–July 2021

**The First Annual St. Nicholai Lecture, March 23, 2021** — At Saint Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, the First Annual St. Nicholai Lecture was held on March 23, 2021.

St. Nicholai Lecture is the spring coefficient to the October St. Tikhon Lecture, and is to be scheduled each Spring, on or around March 18, the Feast of St. Nicholai (source: <https://www.stots.edu/>).

The inaugural lecture was given by His Grace, The Rt. Rev. Irinej (Dobrijevic), Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern America of the Serbian Orthodox Church. His Grace is an alumnus of St. Tikhon’s, and he wrote both his BA Thesis and his M.Div. Thesis on St. Nicholai — the first one at St. Tikhon’s in 1979 (Mirko (later, Bishop Irinej) Dobrijevic, “Nicholai at St. Tikhon’s 1951–1956: The ‘Forgotten’ Years of His Life,” BA Thesis. South Canaan, PA: St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, 1979, 103 pp.), and the second one at the St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary three years later (Mirko Dobrijevic, “Bishop Nicholai Velimirovich: A 1921 Mission to America,” M.Div. Thesis. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, 1982, iii + 126 pp.).

The Lecture was entitled “St. Nicholai: His Last Years.” It was live-streamed for the benefit of the wider audience through YouTube and Facebook, and it is available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqws7gROQL4>.

**The European Academy of Religion Annual Conference 2021 (Münster, August 30<sup>th</sup> — September 2<sup>nd</sup>)** — The European Academy of Religion announced its fourth Annual Conference, which will take place in Münster (Germany) between Monday,

August 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster will be the organizing institution.

The keynote lecturers at the conference this year shall be Vasilis Saroglou (Université Catholique de Louvain), Guy Stroumsa (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Rowan Williams (University of Cambridge), Judith Wolfe (University of St. Andrews), and Azza Karam (Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam).

According to the First Draft of the Conference Schedule for the European Academy of Religion 2021 Annual Conference, a panel entitled “The Legacy of Nicholai Velimirovich,” chaired by Fr. John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, will be held on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. More information at <https://www.europeanacademyofreligion.org/news>.

### **Lectures at the Gathering in Tuman Monastery (August 21<sup>st</sup>)**

— As it is announced on the website of the Monastery of Tuman, in memory of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the repose of St. Jakov Arsović, a great assembly of churchgoers and believers will be held in Tuman on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. After the Divine Liturgy, there will be a whole-day program of spiritual and scientific lectures, focused on the legacy of the “God-Worshipper Movement” (in Serbian: Bogomoljački pokret) of Bishop Nicholai Velimirovich and his collaborators, especially on St. Jakov (Radoje) Arsović.

More information at <https://manastirtumane.org/>.

**A Documentary on St. Jakov (Radoje) Arsović** — Boško Milosavljević, a movie director from Belgrade, started the filming of the documentary movie on the life and heritage of St. Jakov (Radoje) Arsović in June 2021. This documentary shall be finished next year.

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