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ORTHODOXY IN THE 21st CENTURY

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The 20th century was, for Orthodoxy, a period of significant change and upheaval. With the rise of the ecumenical movement, Orthodox theology, particularly within the framework of Orthodox Diaspora, emerged, for the first time, from its introversion and confessional isolation and entered into dialogue with the other major Christian traditions, as well as the challenges of the modern world. This promising process of Orthodox renewal was closely connected to the so-called "neo-patristic synthesis" and noted theological figures such as Fr. Georges Florovsky, Vladimir Lossky, Paul Evdokimov, Fr. Nicholas Afanasiev, Fr. Dumitru Staniloae, Fr. Justin Popovic, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, Fr. John Meyendorff, and Olivier Clément, as well as the lesser-known contributions of theologians and philosophers of the Diaspora, such as Fr. Sergei Bulgakov and Nikolai Berdyaev. In addition to these figures, one would do well to also remember the contributions, in recent years, of Greek theologians such as Nikos Nisiotis, Savvas Agouridis, Fr. John Romanidis, His Eminence Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas, Christos Yannaras, Panayiotis Nellas, Fr. Vasilios Gondikakis, Nikos Matsoukas, and George Mantzaridis, among others.

However, in an era of rapid change -i.e. late modernity, globalization, and multi-culturalism-, Orthodoxy is today confronted with radically new challenges that were hitherto unknown and completely different from what it has experienced in its past-challenges that require reflection and creative thinking.

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