

5th International Patristic Conference
The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin
October 7-9, 2025

Synodality in the Early Church

7.10.2025, Tuesday

9.00 – Opening of the Conference

9.15-10.00– Plenary lectures: Goeffrey Dunn (Australia)

10.00-10.15 – Discussion

10.15-10.45 – Coffee break

10.45-12.45 – I Session

Ikenna Paschal Okpaleke (Belgium) *Synodality in the Church or Synodality of the Church: An Ecclesiological Quest through the Fathers to Present*

Serafim Seppälä (Finland) *The First Christian Synods in the Early Christian–Islamic Apologetics*

László Odrobina (Hungary) *The "Synodal Path" of the Theological Doctrine's Formation on the Sacrament of Marriage in the Early Church*

Michał Ludewicz (Poland) *"Venerabilis pontifex, (...) in defensione suae aecclesiae (...) sacrum concilium convocavit". Synods as a space for strengthening papal authority according to the Liber Pontificalis*

12.45-13.00 – Discussion

13.00-14.00 – Lunch

14.00-16.00 – II Session

Alexandru Prelipcean (Romania) *The Emperor Constantine the Great and his direct involvement in the organization of the First Ecumenical Council: paradigm for the other Basilians?*

Michał Łukaszczyk (Poland) *"Subtilis est haeresis et ideo simplices animae facile decipiuntur" – Problems with the Interpretation of the Statements of Nicean Council in the problemy interpretacji orzeczeń Soboru Nicejskiego in the Views of Luciferians*

Matteo Monfrinotti (Italy) *La recezione dei Concili nell'antichità. Il caso di Nicea*

Constantin Oprea (Romania) *Nicaea post Nicaeam: "Consensus Patrum" and Synodal Authority in the Patristic Tradition*

Georgios D. Panagopoulos (USA) *The Faith of Nicaea and the Council of Chalcedon according to the Codex Encyclius (457)*

16.15-16.30 – Discussion

8.10.2025, Wednesday

9.00-9.45 – Plenary lecture: Hubertus Drobner (Germany) *Synods and Synodality in Augustine of Hippo's Life and Theology*

9.45-10.00 – Discussion

10.00–10.30 – Coffee break

10.30-12.30 – III Session

Mariusz Szram (Polska) *Reaction of the Synods of Alexandria and Rome to Origenes' Priestly Ordination*

Ivan Bodrožić (Croatia) *Saint Jerome as a Translator at the Service of the Synods against Origen*

Magdalena M. Józwiak (Poland) *St. Jerome of Stridon as an Expert on Holy Scripture at the Council of 382 and the Beginnings of His Work on the Vulgate*

Giuseppe Di Corrado (Italy) *Le fatiche della sinodalità nell'esperienza di Agostino di Ippona*

David Vopřada (Czech Republic) *The Synod of Capua (391) and Its Influence on the Ascetic Movement in the Late Fourth Century*

12.30-12.45 – Discussion

12.45-14.00 – Lunch

14.00-15.15 – I Young Researchers' Session

Krisztián Fenyves (Hungary) *Nicaea and the West, or ὁμοούσιος and una substantia*

Ishmael Adibuah (USA) *Constantine and the Seeds of Synodality: Nicaea and the Emerging Ecclesiology of Communion*

Karolína Štauberová (Czech Republic) *The proceedings of the Lateran Synod (649): "Latrocinium Lateranum"?*

Márk Besztercei (Hungary) *A synod of the spiritual Jerusalem? – Papal power and combatting heresy at the Lateran Council of 649*

15.15-15.30 – Discussion

9.10.2025, Thursday

9.00–9.45 – Plenary lecture: Alberto Ferreiro (USA) *Select Antiochene Canons (338) in Suevic Gallaecia in the Capitula Martini of St. Martin of Braga*

9.45–10.00 – Discussion

10.00–10.30 – Coffee break

10.30–11.30 – IV Session

Jan W. Żelazny (Poland) *The Synods of the Assyrian Church of the East until the 6th century: scope, influence and issues*

Stanisław Adamiak, Marta Szada (Poland) *Councils, Conferences and Episcopal Tribunals in Late Antique Africa and Iberian Peninsula*

Theocharis Papavissarion (Greece) *The significance of ‘Sermo Laudatorius’ (ACO² 3, 3, pp. 878-897) of deacon Epiphanius of Catania to the 7th Ecumenical Council for the Church’s theology*

Jerzy Szafranowski (Poland) *Church Councils and Monastic Privileges in Early Medieval Gaul*

11.30–11.45 – Discussion

11.45–12.45 – II Young Researchers’ Session

Grzegorz Pakowski (Poland) *“I have not seen any synod with a successful conclusion” – St. Gregory of Nazianzus’ statements on synodality in his speeches and letters*

Alexandru Lazar (Romania) *Universal restoration or eternal damnation? Post-synodal reflections and the reception of the condemnation of apocatastasis*

Paweł Głowacki (Poland) *Synodality and primacy in the thought of Pope Celestine I against the background of the Nestorian controversy*

12.45–13.00 – Discussion

13.00- Closing of the Conference