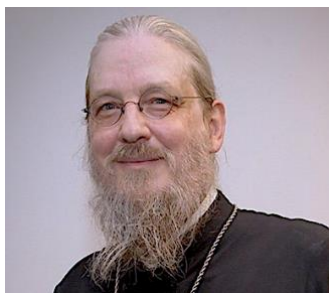


**17th Annual Figel Event for
Ecumenism and Prayer Service
for Christian Unity
Virginia Theological Seminary
February 13, 6:00-9:15 pm**



Fr. John Behr



Rev. Dr. Katherine Sonderegger

Schedule, February 13

- 6:00 pm: Welcome & Introductions
- 6:05 pm: Ecumenical Prayer Service
(by WTC Student Board)
- 6:35 pm: Presentation of Ecumenism
Awards
- 6:45 pm: Figel addresses
- 8:15 pm: Questions and Discussion
- 8:30 pm: Reception
- 9:15 pm: Adjourn

Virginia Theological Seminary is at
**3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria,
VA.** The event is in the Lettie Pate
room of the Addison building. Free
parking nearby.

The event is free and open to the
public, but you must register at:
<https://washtheocon.org/events>
or call 202-832-2675 by Feb. 11.

Join us Thursday, February 13, 2025 to celebrate Christian Unity
with a Student-led Prayer Service and the Figel Addresses on

***The Council of Nicaea and
Our Shared Life of Prayer***

This year's Ecumenical Award and Figel Event for Ecumenism brings
two internationally known scholars from the Orthodox and Anglican
communities to explore the Council of Nicaea's legacy for the liturgy
and prayer life of the churches. Nicaea's hallmark doctrine of the
Trinity is more than an abstract definition; it also shapes the Christian
imagination and life of prayer.

In 2025, World Conference on Faith and Order marks the 1700th
anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea under the
theme "Where Now for Visible Unity?" Our presenters will explore
the life of prayer as one of the central paths to Christian unity.

Fr. John Behr is the Regius Chair in Humanity at the University of Aberdeen.
He has published the first two volumes of "The Formation of Christian
Theology," *The Way to Nicaea* (SVS Press 2001) and vol. 2 *The Nicene
Faith* (SVS Press 2003). He also published a synthetic work, *The Mystery of
Christ: Life in Death* (SVS 2006). More recently he published a poetic and
meditative work entitled *Becoming Human: Theological Anthropology in
Word and Image* (SVS Press, 2013) and a full study of *St. Irenaeus of Lyons*
(OUP, 2013). He also completed a new critical edition and translation of
Origen's *On First Principles* (OUP, 2017), and *John the Theologian and His
Paschal Gospel: A Prologue to Theology* (OUP 2019).

Dr. Sonderegger is a long-time professor at the Virginia Theological
Seminary. Her academic career focuses on the dogmatic theology of Karl
Barth and constructive work in systematic theology. She has written about
Barth's interpretation of Israel, Jews, and Judaism; his Doctrine of God; his
Christology and his exegesis of Scripture. More recently, she has turned to
constructive, systematic theology: *Volume 1: The Doctrine of God* (Fortress
Press, 2015) and *Volume 2: The Trinity: Processions and Persons* (2020).
She is currently working on *Volume 3: Divine Missions, Christology, and
Pneumatology*. She is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the
American Theological Society, and the Karl Barth Society.

The event is followed by the two-day **Oriente Lumen
Conference** at VTS on *The Meaning of Nicaea for Today*:
<https://olfoundation.net/upcoming-events/>