



Re-interpreting GOSPEL in the Indian Context

April 25th and 26th
2025

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Venue

Olive Crest – Lonavala

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Introduction

This is an initiative to understand the Indian Philosophy deeply and develop an insight into GOSPEL from the Ancient Indian perspective.

It is imperative that we learn to understand the vast and profound native knowledge of our own land, which our Church Fathers have studied, but unfortunately today's generation does not have any understanding, hence the need to relearn it.



Who We Are ?



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25th April

Event Schedule



9:00 AM–9:30 AM

Prayer and Inauguration speech



9:30 AM–10:00 AM

Incarnation Vs Avatars



10:15 AM–10:55 AM

Trinity and Christology in terms of Advaita & Vedanta



11:15 AM–11:30 AM

Tea Break



11:30 AM–12:00 PM

Indian influence on Greek Philosophy



12:10 PM–12:40 PM

Open Discussion



01:00 PM–2:00 PM

Lunch



02:30 PM–3:30 PM

Apophatic theology in the Orthodox perspective and the Vedanta tradition



05:45 PM–6:15 PM

Cultural Translation and Kristapurana



07:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hermeneutics of Living the Gospel in our VUCA times: Challenges and Possibilities for being the best or last generation



26th April

Event Schedule



9:00 AM–10:00 AM

**Contextualisation, relationship of
Liturgy and Theology**



10:15 AM–10:45 AM

**Reflection on the Indian context-
Open discussion**



10:45 AM–11:00 AM

Tea Break



11:00 AM–12:00 PM

**How did the early Church Fathers
adopted from the Greek Philosophy?**



12:30 PM–1:00 PM

Open Discussion



1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Lunch



02:30 PM–3:30 PM

Christological model from Hinduism



04:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hindu Bakthi and Christianity



07:00 PM–8:00 PM

**Reinterpreting the Marks of the Church
in the Indian Context**



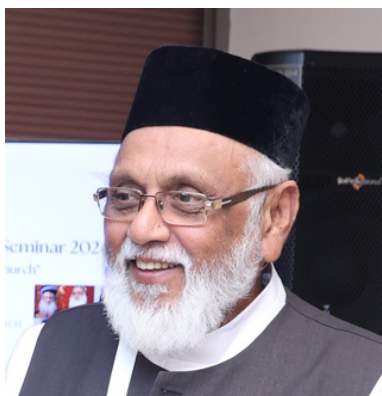
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Final Comments and Valedictory



Speaker Profiles

All of our scholars who are participating in this event



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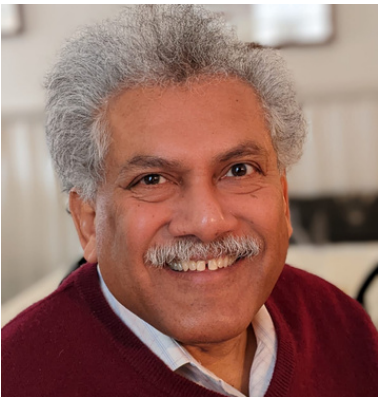
Dr Georgios is a Prof. of Dogmatics in Univ. Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens GR and Adj. Prof. in Antiochian House of Studies USA. Among his main research interests are the relations between Theology and Philosophy in Late Antiquity and the modern religious philosophy in Russia.



Prof. Dr. Kuruvilla Pandikattu SJ

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Speaker Profiles



Rev. Dr. Jayakiran Sebastian

Rev. Dr. Jayakiran is a presbyter from the Karnataka Central Diocese of the Church of South India. He served at UTC Bangalore, as Professor in the Department of Theology, Ethics, Chairperson of the Department and Dean of Doctoral Studies at the College. Currently he is the Chair, H. George Anderson Professor of Mission and Cultures at the United Lutheran Seminary , Philadelphia.



Prof. Dr. John V Mathew

Dr. John began his theological journey from Union Biblical Seminary, Pune (UBS) by completing his BD in 2004 and went on to obtain his M.Th and D.Th in Religions from the Senate of Serampore College in 2007 and 2013. He is currently a Professor at UTC, Bangalore in the department of Religion, Culture and Society. He has published many articles and four acclaimed books.



Rev. Dr. Wilson Paluri

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