**FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS SUMMER CONFERENCE 2024**

This year’s summer conference will be held on Saturday 8 June at the Tsuzuki Theatre, St Anne’s College, Oxford. This conference features a talk on a major project involving the archives of Simonopetra, which FOMA is supporting, and a survey of Byzantine Athonite architecture by a leading professor in the field. There will also be a bookstall.

10:45 Coffee and registration in the Tsuzuki Theatre Foyer, St Anne’s College

11:30 Dr Vanessa de Obaldia Ph.D. will give a talk on her three-year project to catalogue, transliterate and translate the entire Ottoman archive of Simonopetra Monastery. There will be an exhibition in the foyer to accompany her talk. Dr de Obaldia is a scholar and Ottomanist for a ERC funded Project, “Mount Athos in Medieval Eastern Mediterranean Society”.

13:00 Buffet lunch

14:15 **AGM**: reports, elections, approval of accounts, and any other business

15:00 **Professor Stavros Mamaloukos’s** talk is entitled “Byzantine Athonite Architecture: An Overview”. It will cover the evolution of the monastic building complexes, and the architecture of churches and other monastic buildings such as refectories, kitchens, workshops, etc.

16:00 Tea

16:30 **John Jones** will give an illustrated talk about the 2023 pilgrimage to Bulgaria.

17:30 Vespers in English at the Orthodox church in Canterbury Road.

There is no charge for attending the AGM, but for the rest of the day’s programme the charges are set out below. Please complete the slip below, ticking the payment option chosen, and return it, by email if possible, to Peter Stevenson. *Please send the completed form (to arrive no later than 1 June) to Peter Stevenson,* *p.stevenson696@btinternet.com* *, or at 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ.*

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I can attend the summer conference on 8 June. I shall be bringing …… guest(s)

Please reserve …… entrance ticket(s) (£22.00 each; students £12.00)

Please reserve …… lunch ticket(s) (£25.00 each)

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