Byzantine prayer books (euchologia) provide a wealth of information for the history of religious life in the Greek middle ages. They offer the texts for the eucharistic and sacramental liturgies celebrated in church, but also contain prayers and rituals performed by priests in private homes or elsewhere to address the needs of the common people. The systematic exploration of euchologia, which survive in hundreds of manuscripts beginning with the eighth century, has significantly advanced in recent decades.

At the invitation of the Euchologia Project of the Division of Byzantine Research (IMAFO) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, this conference brings together an international group of scholars to explore and discuss the manuscript transmission, liturgical traditions, and specific prayer concerns, all with a view to facilitate future systematic studies of this rich, but still largely unexplored body of material.
FRIDAY, 22 JUNE 2018

08:30–09:00  Welcome and Introduction

Session One
Moderator: Hans-Jürgen Feulner

09:00–09:30  Daniel Galadza
Studying the Euchologion: The Liturgical Year as Hermeneutical Key

09:30–10:00 Stefanos Alexopoulos
Byzantine Communion Scrolls: Form, Function, and Piety in Dialogue

10:00–10:30 Harald Buchinger
“Small Prayers” in Western Liturgical Books

10:30–11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

Session Two
Moderator: Clemens Gantner

11:00–11:30 Valerio Polidori
Dating the Diataxis of Paul Bishop of Gallipoli on Liturgical Grounds

11:30–12:00 Giulia Rossetto
A Southern Italian Euchologion at St. Catherine’s Monastery in the Sinai: The Palimpsest Sin. gr. 966

12:00–12:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

Session Three
Moderator: Christian Gastgeber

12:30–13:00 Béatrice Caseau
Food Gifts and Prayers Involving Food in the Byzantine Euchologia

13:00–13:30 Ilias Nesseris
Aspects of School-Life in Byzantium in the Light of Euchologia and Non-Liturgical Sources

13:30–14:30 LUNCH BUFFET FOR INVITED GUESTS

Session Four
Moderator: Heinz Miklas

14:30–15:00 Tinatin Chronz
Emperors and Waters: News from the Jerusalem Euchologion Project

15:00–15:30 Grigorios Ioannidis
Cyprus: Crossroads of the Liturgical Centers of Constantinople and the Middle East. The Case of Cypriot Euchologia

15:30–16:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

Session Five
Moderator: Andreas Rhoby

16:00–16:30 Elisabeth Schiffer
Evidence for the Reconciliation of Apostates from Non–Liturgical Manuscripts

16:30–17:00 Claudia Rapp
Creating Community through Prayers

SATURDAY, 23 JUNE 2018

09:00–09:30  Jane Baun
Who and what were the Byzantine Euchologia for? Thoughts from Rites of Passage

09:30–10:00 Gabriel Radle
A Liturgical Rite of Passage for Veiling Women

10:00–10:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

Session Seven
Moderator: Eva Synek

10:30–11:00 Eirini Afentoulidou
Protecting Powers: Non-Liturgical Traditions in Euchologion Manuscripts

11:00–11:30 Nina Glibetić
Liturgy and Lost Pregnancy in Late Byzantium: Religious Beliefs, Social Realities, and Ritual Practices

11:30–12:30 Discussion and Concluding Remarks

13:30 LUNCH FOR INVITED GUESTS