The Liturgical Tradition of the Eastern Catholics:

A Concealed Talent?

International Conference | 19-20 November 2026 · Eichstätt, Germany

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2026

14:00-14:30	**Opening of the Conference** - Rector Prof. Dr Andriy Mykhaleyko, Collegium Orientale; Fr Roman Fihas; Fr Thomas Kremer

Session I - Historical Dimension: Latinization and De-Latinization

14:30-15:00	**Thomas Kremer (Eichstätt)** - Latinization as a Concept: Its Origins, Development, and Uses
15:00-15:15	Discussion
15:15-15:45	**Przemysław Nowakowski (Kraków)** - Could Latinization Have Been Avoided? The Ruthenian Church and the Problem of Latinization in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries: The Union of Brest (1596) and the Synod of Zamość (1720)
15:45-16:00	Discussion
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:00	**Thomas Mark Németh (Vienna)** - Good Customs and Bad Customs. Canonical Aspects of De-Latinization - As Illustrated by the Practice of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
17:00-17:15	Discussion
17:15-17:45	**Vincent van Vossel (Baghdad)** - The Holiness of the Chaldean Church
17:45-18:00	Discussion
18:30-20:00	Dinner
20:00-21:00	**Lecture-Concert** - The Musical Heritage of the Isolated Greek Catholic Parish of Cargèse, Corsica. Introduction to the church music research project in Eichstätt, followed by a performance of sacred chants by the Collegium Orientale Choir

Lecture-Concert venue: Holzersaal - Sommerresidenz

CONFERENCE VENUES

Room KAP-209 - both conference days
Former Capuchin Monastery, 2nd floor
Kapuzinergasse 2, 85072 Eichstätt

Holzersaal - Lecture-Concert
Sommerresidenz (Summer Residence)
Ostenstraße 26, 85072 Eichstätt



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FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2026 - MORNING

07:00-08:00	**Divine Liturgy in the Syro-Malankara Rite** - in German and Malayalam; Collegium Orientale Chapel
08:00-08:45	Breakfast
08:45-09:00	Walk to the Conference Hall

Session II - Ecumenical Dimension: Preservation, Borrowing, and Mutual Exchange

09:00-09:30	**Elias Haslwanter (Washington)** - Latin Elements in Contemporary Orthodox Worship
09:30-09:45	Discussion
09:45-10:15	**Vasyl Rudeiko (Lviv)** - What Greek Catholics Have Preserved: Liturgical Memory as an Ecumenical Resource
10:15-10:30	Discussion
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:30	**Antoine Fleyfel (Paris)** - Preservation and Reform in the Non-Byzantine Eastern Catholic Churches: A Maronite Perspective
11:30-11:45	Discussion
11:45-12:15	**Lidiya Lozova (Lviv)** - Lviv Icon Painting School and Contemporary Trends in Orthodox Iconography
12:15-12:30	Discussion
12:30-13:15	Break
13:15-13:45	Lunch
13:45-14:00	Walk to the Conference Hall

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FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2026 - AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Session III - Contemporary Ecclesiological and Pastoral Dimensions

14:00-14:15	**Greeting** - Bishop Dr Dr Christian Würtz
14:15-14:45	**Charbel Nassif (Beirut)** - Uniates by Day, Sources by Night: Melkite Liturgical Books and Their Silent Antiochian Orthodox Reception (1968-2021)
14:45-15:00	Discussion
15:00-15:30	**Mark Morozowich (Washington)** - Renewal and a Return to the Sources: Issues and Possibilities
15:30-15:45	Discussion
15:45-16:05	Coffee Break
16:05-16:35	**Eduard Berdnyk (Lviv)** - Returning to Tradition in the Eastern Catholic Churches: A Resource or a Limitation?
16:35-16:50	Discussion
16:50-17:20	**Rostyslav Myrosh (Lviv)** - The Challenge of De-Latinization as an Ecumenical Opportunity: The Case of the Eastern Catholic Marriage Rite
17:20-17:45	**Joint Discussion of the Final Paper and Concluding Discussion** - The Eastern Catholic Liturgical Tradition as a Resource for Ecumenism and Contemporary Church Life
17:45-18:00	Short Break / Walk to the Chapel
18:00-19:00	**Great Vespers for the Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple** - Byzantine Rite in German; Collegium Orientale Chapel
19:00-20:30	Dinner

SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2026

08:00-09:00	Divine Liturgy
09:00-10:00	Breakfast
From 10:00	Departure of Participants