
Centre Pro Oriente Christiano

Centre Pro Oriente Christiano was established by the Dean of the Catholic Theological Faculty of Charles University and approved by its Academic Senate on 23rd June 2010. It is part of the Faculty's Chair of Theological Ethics and Spiritual Theology.

Centre Pro Oriente Christiano specializes in the study of theology, spirituality, liturgy, canons, history, and culture of the four eastern Christian patriarchal traditions, i.e. of Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria, and Constantinople. Our particular aim is to shed light on those churches of the Byzantine rite that are present in the Czech Republic,

Our research is carried under an ecumenical perspective and will contribute to building bridges that may connect the various Christian denominations.

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"The Church must breathe with her two lungs! In the first millennium of the history of Christianity, this expression refers primarily to the relationship between Byzantium and Rome. From the time of the Baptism of Rus' it comes to have an even wider application: evangelization spread to a much vaster area, so that it now includes the entire Church. If we then consider that the salvific event which took place on the banks of the Dnieper goes back to a time when the Church in the East and the Church in the West were not divided, we understand clearly that the vision of the full communion to be sought is that of unity in legitimate diversity."

John Paul II, Encyclical *Ut unum sint* II, 54.