

LITURGICAL DILEMMAS IN THE THIRTEENTH-CENTURY BALKANS: DEMETRIOS CHOMATENOS'

FOURTEEN ANSWERS TO KING STEFAN RADOSLAV OF SERBIA

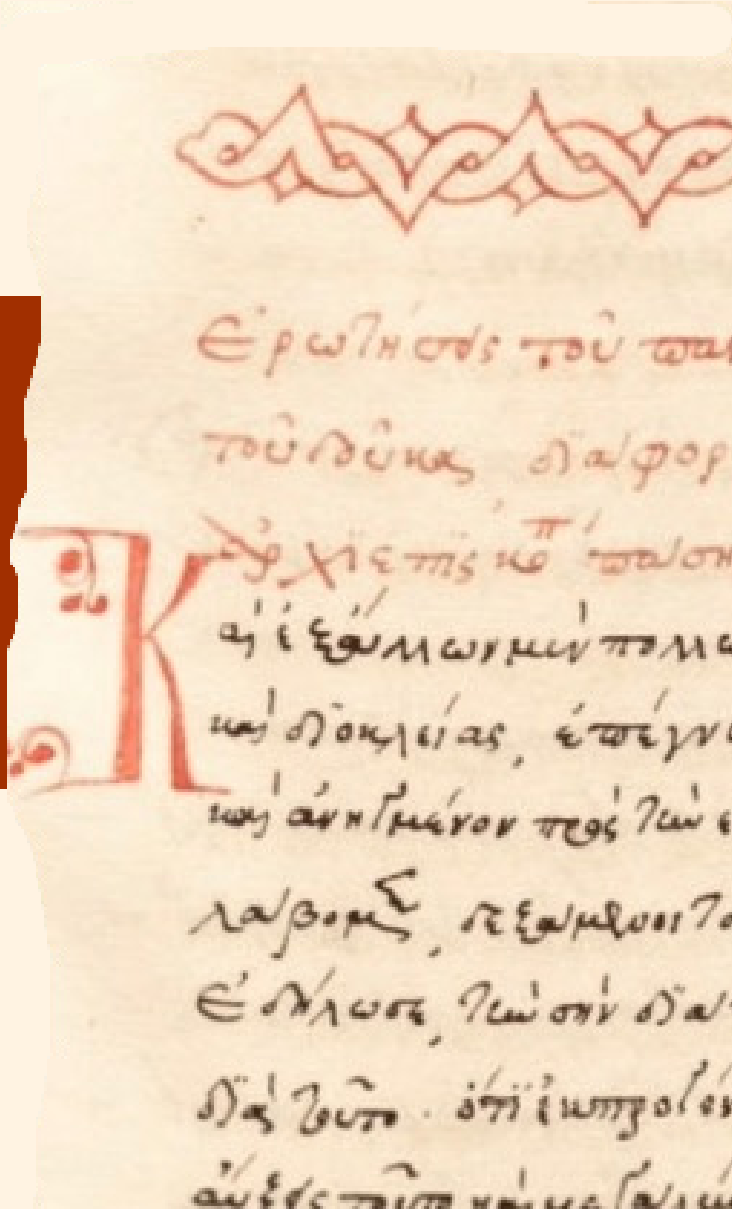
Among the works of Demetrios Chomatenos, Archbishop of Ohrid (1216-1236), is a set of 14 responses in the form of ἐρωταποκρίσεις addressed to the Serbian king Stefan Radoslav (1227-1233/4). Chomatenos' answers touch upon a wide range of liturgical and ecclesiastical matters, including baptism, the Eucharist, and other practices. This seminar will examine the text within the broader context of the Balkans after 1204, a period marked by changing political and ecclesiastical relationships between Epirus, Nicaea, and the newly autocephalous Serbian Church (1219). Rather than approaching the text through questions of political conflict, we will explore what these responses reveal about everyday liturgical concerns, the circulation of ecclesiastical knowledge, and the role of learned bishops as authorities in matters of ritual practice.

Important Details:

- **Where:** The Catholic University of America
 - Rousseau Library; 209 McMahon Hall
- **When:** October 21, 2026 at 12:40 PM EST

Speaker

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