



The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine Celebrating the Feast Day of St. Augustine of Hippo

Webinar in Honor of the Feast Day of St. Augustine of Hippo
Featuring Dr. Tikhon Alexander Pino

“One of the Wise and Apostolic Men: St Augustine as a Source of Orthodox Theology in Byzantium”

Tuesday, June 15, 2022

7 – 8 PM (EST)

The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine, located in Saint Augustine, Florida is delighted to present its third annual webinar, a presentation by Dr. Tikhon Alexander Pino entitled “One of the Wise and Apostolic Men: St Augustine as a Source of Orthodox Theology in Byzantium” on Tuesday, June 15, the Feast of Saint Augustine of Hippo. Rev. Fr. John Sollee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine will provide a response to Dr. Pino’s presentation, from a Roman Catholic perspective. The event is hosted online by The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The free broadcast will be live-streamed and open to all (pre-registration required, [click here](#)). The event will include live audience questions. For those who miss the live broadcast, the Shrine will archive this unique event on its website and Facebook page.

The webinar is part of a dual observance shared between the Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint Augustine. Both Orthodox Christians and Roman Catholics celebrate the memory of the prolific theologian of the fourth century, Saint Augustine of Hippo, though on different days. His legacy in Eastern and Western Christian traditions is markedly different. On August 28, the observance of the saint’s memory in the Roman Catholic Church, the Diocese of Saint Augustine will reciprocate in events as yet to be determined.

Dr. Tikhon Alexander Pino is the Assistant Director of the Pappas Patristic Institute at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. Dr. Pino holds a BA



in Greek and Latin (Classics) from the Catholic University of America (2005), an MTS from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (2013), and a PhD from Marquette University (2021). A revised version of his dissertation (written under the direction of Marcus Plested) is currently at press with Routledge: *Essence and Energies: Being and Naming God in St. Gregory Palamas*. He has published widely on the Greek theological tradition, including articles on Aristotle and Plotinus, Philo of Alexandria, Basil of Ancyra, Maximos the Confessor, Mark of Ephesos, and the interaction of Byzantine and Scholastic Theology. His work has appeared in the *Journal of Theological Studies*, the *Journal of Early*

Christian Studies, the *Heythrop Journal*, *Analogia*, *Franciscan Studies*, *Dionysius*, and *Byzantinisches Archiv - Series Philosophica* (De Gruyter).

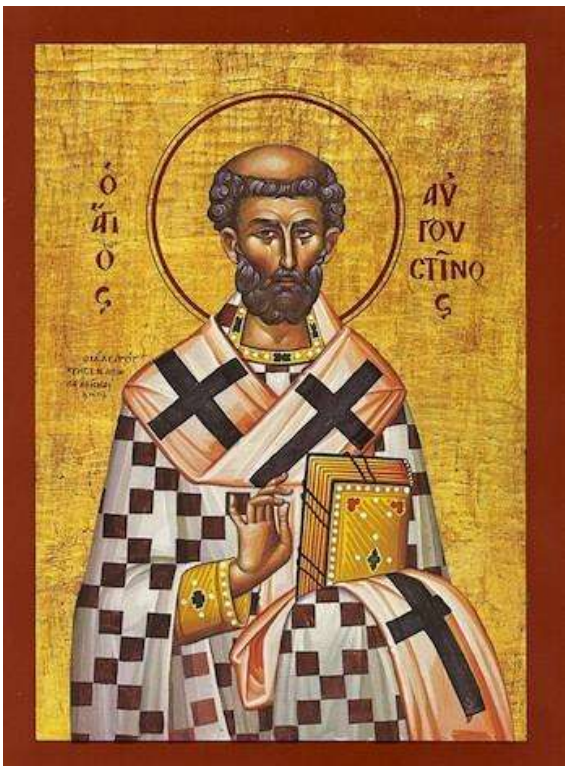
Rev. John Sollee is a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine currently pursuing doctoral studies in Systematic Theology at the University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN). Fr. Sollee has served in various capacities within parish ministry and assisted the bishop on the presbyteral council. He holds a BS in Finance from the University of Florida where he experienced the Lord's mercy in calling him back to his baptismal roots with the help of Catholic Gators and FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Upon entering seminary formation, he received an MA in Philosophy from Mount St. Mary's University and an MDiv from St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. Fr. Sollee was ordained a priest on May 12, 2018 at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Augustine.



About Saint Augustine

Commemorated June 15 (Orthodox Christian Calendar)

Saint Augustine was born in the city of Thagaste in northern Africa. He was raised by his mother, St Monica (May 4), and he received his education at Carthage. In the capacity of professor of rhetoric, Augustine arrived at Milan, Italy where St Ambrose (December 7) was bishop. Under the guidance of St Ambrose, Augustine studied the Holy Scriptures.



The Word of God produced in his soul a radical crisis; he accepted holy Baptism, gave all his wealth to the poor and was tonsured as a monk. In the year 391 Valerian, Bishop of Hippo, ordained Saint Augustine a priest, and in 395, appointed him vicar bishop of the see of Hippo. After the death of Bishop Valerian, St Augustine took his place. During his 35 years as bishop, St Augustine wrote many works devoted to combating the Donatist, Manichaeic and Pelagian heresies.

St Augustine wrote many works (according to his student and biographer Possidias, the number approached 1030). Of his works the best known are: The City of God (De civitate Dei), The Confessions, 17 Books against the Pelagians and Handbook of Christian Knowledge (The Enchiridion). St. Augustine was concerned above all else that his writings be intelligent and edifying. "It is better," he

said, "for them to condemn our grammar, than for people not to understand." Saint Augustine died on August 28, 430.

EVENTS IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST DAY OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

- Orthros and Divine Liturgy in the morning at St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine 8:30AM, Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Hierarchal Proistamenos, presiding (live-streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SaintPhotios/>)
- Lecture at 7 PM
- August 28 events, TBD sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine.