

This is the fifth newsletter of the Amsterdam Centre for Eastern Orthodox Theology (ACEOT), which you receive on the day many millions of Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas.

#### **ACEOT in the press**

On 31 December 2010 the Dutch quality newspaper NRC Handelsblad chose a picture of the ACEOT blessing ceremony as one of the 100 images of the year 2010. On the [website of the Faculty of Theology](#) of VU University Amsterdam you can find the photo.

#### **Introduction to Orthodox Theology: Apophasis and Theosis**

On Friday 17 december many were not able to attend the second lecture (“Dionysios the Areopagite and Neoplatonism”) in this series due to heavy snowfall. Revd. Prof. Andrew Louth will therefore repeat his lecture on Thursday 20 January at 18:00 hours in room 15A-15 (on the top floor of the main VU building). At 19 hours he will continue the series in the same room with a lecture entitled "Maximos the Confessor and Cosmic Theology".

From the download-section of the ACEOT-website ([www.aceot.nl](http://www.aceot.nl)) you can download the lecture handouts of both lectures. You are cordially invited to attend the lectures; please [register](#) beforehand through the website or by replying to this email.

#### **Art and Spirituality of the Russian Orthodox Tradition in Hermitage Amsterdam**

More details of the special academic lecture series in the museum Hermitage Amsterdam will be published soon by Hermitage Amsterdam and ACEOT. The Hermitage website already contains details of the exhibition [Splendour and Glory: Art of the Russian Orthodox Church](#). Please note that the first two lectures will be given on 26 March 2010 from 13:30 to 16:00 hours. The other lectures will be given on 16 April, 21 May and 18 June. On the ACEOT-website the handout for Fr Andrew's lectures is already available.

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