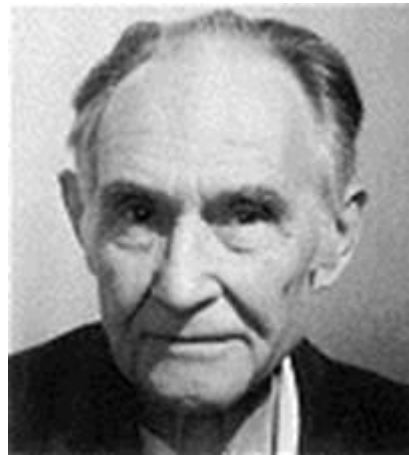


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### **Lecture on 19 February at 17:00 hours: 'The Rediscovery of the Icon'**

Prof. Revd. Andrew Louth will deliver his final lecture in the series on modern Orthodox theologians on Thursday 19 February. The title of the lecture is 'The rediscovery of the icon'. There were in the twentieth century apparently quite independent attempts within the different traditions of Orthodoxy to recover, restore, revive, the tradition of icon painting. The famous names are Fotis Kontoglou (1895-1965) in Greece and Leonid Ouspensky (1902-1987; picture to the right) in the Russian diaspora in Paris—two people who never met and did not even know of each other until 1949. The lecture will mainly deal with these important iconographers.



Fr Andrew will deliver his lecture in room **HG-11A22** of the main building and start at **17:00**. Entrance is free. Please [register](#) beforehand through the website or by replying to this email. To those who register the draft text of the lecture will be sent by email beforehand.

### **Visit of met Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem II to the Netherlands**

From 23 February to 3 March, Patriarch Ignatius, leader of the Syriac Orthodox Church will visit The Netherlands. The main pastor of his flock in this country is Archbishop Polycarpus, who resides in Glane, near the German border. In the terminology of the World Council of Churches (WCC) they are called '(ancient) Oriental Orthodox.' The other Oriental Churches are: the Coptic, Armenian, Ethiopian, Eritrean and (Indian) Malankara Churches (we nowadays avoid the term 'monophysite' and sometimes use 'pre-Chalcedonian'). Officially they are not in communion with the (Eastern) Orthodox Church, which has in The Netherlands parishes belonging to the Patriarchates of Constantinople, Moscow, Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria (see [www.orthodoxekerk.net](http://www.orthodoxekerk.net)). It is remarkable how similar in spirituality and praxis both families of churches are, even after more than 1500 years of political and linguistic isolation. In the Middle East we are both under severe threat and forced to flee (a hundred years after the genocide of 1915, during which more than one and a half million Armenian, Syriac and Greek Christians perished). There and in the diaspora we are rediscovering and trying to help each other. ACEOT intends to intensify the cooperation with the Oriental Orthodox family in the field of education and research.

### **Colloquy on the Philokalia on 4 September in Amsterdam**

To mark the launch of Fr. Andrew's book on modern Orthodox theologians a colloquy will be held

On 4 September 2015. The main speakers will be Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, Very Revd. Dr. John Behr and Prof. Revd. Andrew Louth himself.

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