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More and more Professors and students of Medical Schools, but also Professors and students of Theological Schools in many universities all over the world, especially in the USA are concerned about "Health & Religion" topics.

To their surprise, physicians are discovering in contemporary scientific publications in leading medical journals (such as JAMA, NEJM, etc.) that patients have been requesting that their spiritual needs in addition to their physical needs are attended to. The collaboration between Health Sciences and Theology during the Covid 19 Pandemic has shown that it can become more meaningful in all health matters when doctors, priests and theologians (of all religions) come together in efforts such as the online courses "Health & Religion" which will continue in the academic year 2022-2023.

By simply going through the course program, the quality of the speakers and the highly interesting topics to be presented is revealed.

Technology nowadays allows everyone to participate weekly every Thursday 3pm-4pm by simply typing [www.healthandreligion.gr](http://www.healthandreligion.gr) on their mobile phone or computer. Through the same website, they can also access and watch all previous lectures, at any time they wish.

I would like to thank the leading Greek and American Professors as well as all the speakers for their generous and unselfish contribution, the Medical School of Athens and the Panhellenic Medical Association for their "aegis".

## **Dimitris Linos**

Professor of Surgery  
Protopresbyter

## PROGRAM

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKER
03/11/2022	The world as technonature and the modern man. The testimony of an orthodox view of bioethics	<b>Stavros Giagazoglou</b>
10/11/2022	Health as a fundamental spiritual transfer	<b>Fr. Nikolaos Loudovikos</b>
17/11/2022	Transplantations: Bringing to the human the gift of God	<b>Andreas Tzakis</b>
24/11/2022	The practice of medicine in the era of the “universal religion” of the social media	<b>Konstantinos Syrigos</b>
01/12/2022	Pioneers of the holistic view of the patient Albert Schweitzer and his role model	<b>Georgios Papageorgiou</b>
8/12/2022	Facing life and death: the example of pancreatic cancer	<b>Gregory Tsiotos</b>
15/12/2022	Named and/or anonymous donor of genetic material: legal issues-ethical dilemmas	<b>Athanasios Papageorgakis</b>
12/01/2023	Dimensions of Spirituality in Health Care	<b>Fr. Stavros Kofinas</b>
19/01/2023	“Rabbi, who sinned... so he was born blind?” Main points of the teaching of the church on the relationship between sin and disease	<b>Konstantinos Kornarakis</b>
26/01/2023	Death: The end or the beginning	<b>Dimitrios Mavropoulos</b>
02/02/2023	Historical and Empirical Reflections on Spirituality and Illness	<b>Tracy Ann Balboni</b>

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09/02/2023	Spirituality in surgery	<b>Nikolaos Arkadopoulos</b>
16/02/2023	Religion, Spirituality and Health: Research and Clinical Applications	<b>Harold Koenig</b>
23/02/2023	The blessing of ears in the sacrament of baptism and its healing significance	<b>Fr. Vassilios Bebis</b>
02/03/2023	Spirituality and Health: What is the Physician's Role?	<b>John R. Peteet</b>
09/03/2023	Six billion questions	<b>Stylios Antonarakis</b>
16/03/2023	Spiritual and physical health: Interactions and confrontations	<b>Evaggelos Protopapadakis</b>
23/03/2023	The world is not our yard. The African anthropology and perception of health and cure	<b>Athanasios Papatheanasiou</b>
30/03/2023	The Significance of Religious Pluralism, Religious Literacy, and Health Care	<b>Elizabeth Prodromou</b>
06/04/2023	Building healthy communities through medical religious partnerships	<b>Panagis Galiatsatos</b>
27/04/2023	The contribution of spiritual life and spiritual support on health restoration and his overall therapy	<b>Fr. Ioannis Kokakis</b>
04/05/2023	New Technologies and Their Impact on Health Care	<b>Gayle Woloschak</b>
11/05/2023	The U.S. Clergy Study on End-of-Life Care	<b>Michael Balboni</b>
18/05/2023	Meeting of science and faith with two leading physicians: Friedrich-Josef Haass - Francis Collins»	<b>Fr. Varnavas Lampropoulos</b>

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25/05/2023	The use of medical terminology and the therapeutic nature of salvation in the texts of the fathers of the church	<b>Chrisostomos Stamoulis</b>
01/06/2023	Radical Life Extension from an Orthodox perspective	<b>Fr. Perry Hamalis</b>
08/06/2023	Could the texts of the New Testament teach us the ecologic ethos?	<b>Ekaterini Tsalampouni</b>
15/06/2023	The interaction between serotonin and oxytocin in the human body and its significance   the orthodox spiritual life	<b>Christos Karakolis</b>
22/06/2023	The relationship with God and the health of the whole man	<b>Fr. Dimitrios Bathrellos</b>
29/06/2023	Watchfulness in the Age of Distraction	<b>Bishop Maxim Vasiljevic</b>

# SPEAKERS

## Moderator

### **Dimitrios Linos, MD, Ph.D.**

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