Editorial

The current second issue of 2026 continues to explore Metropolitan John D. Zizioulas's interactions with contemporary thinkers from all major Christian traditions. Although he did not always engage in direct dialogue with figures such as the Romanian Orthodox theologian Dumitru Stăniloae or the French Roman Catholic Henri de Lubac, a background dialogue exists regarding certain key theological issues that have shaped the agenda of twentieth-century inter-Christian dialogue. This ongoing conversation is rooted in Zizioulas's fundamental assumption that his contributions are situated within the "neo-patristic synthesis" developed by his mentor, Fr. Georges Florovsky, to articulate a common language and vision that fosters Christian unity. These discussion topics primarily focus on the identity of the Church, but they also address themes related to God, the Trinity, and more.

Alongside original articles examining these encounters, this issue presents previously unpublished handwritten notes by Zizioulas entitled "The Logic of Identity." This topic may seem unfamiliar in an Orthodox theological context, where engagement with analytical philosophy of religion has been relatively limited. These exploratory pages offer a glimpse into his reflection on identity and otherness and their theological implications. Two accompanying commentaries examine the notes from different perspectives, attending to their philosophical questions and theological significance while recognizing their provisional character. The issue also includes archival material, including photographs, published here for the first time.

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