

CSSS Symposium XVII

Saturday November 11, 2017
9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Earth Sciences Centre Room 142
Toronto Ontario M5S 1C1

'Harpes of the Holy Spirit':
Syriac Poetry before the 7th
Century

Annual Meeting 9:30 am -10:00 am

PROGRAMME

Robert Kitchen:

"Which One Is He? Narsai of Nisibis on
Moses and the Divine Name and
Essence and a Few Plagues"

Bishop Antoine Nassif:

"Biblical Theology and Symbolism
in the *Bō'wōtō*-Petitions of
Mor Jacob of Sarug"

Imad I. Syryani:

"The Ten Plagues of Moses in the
Exegesis of Mor Jacob of Sarug"

Demetrios Alibertis:

"East Meets East in the Chaldean
Furnace: A comparative Analysis
between Romanos' Hymns and
Jacob of Sarug's Homily on the Three
Children"

Amir Harrak:

"Narsai's Hymn on the Fiery Furnace
(Daniel 3): A Metrical Martyrology"

Albert Hallaji:

"Thoughts about Narsai and
Jacob of Sarug as Poet-Theologians"

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8:00 p.m.

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Wednesday April 4, 2018

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Lecture

Colin S. Clarke, MSt

Director

Canadian Centre for Epigraphic Documents

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Ascetic Cells at Khinis,
Northern Iraq



Cells dug inside Assyrian reliefs by Syrian ascetics
fleeing Roman persecutions ca. 4th century

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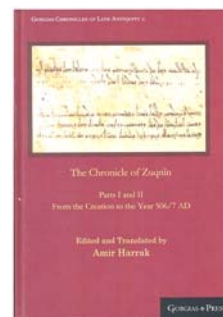
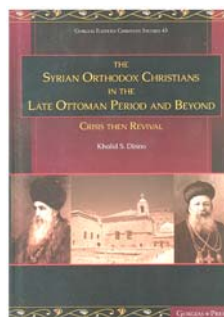
Syriac Chant as Music in Culture: A New Approach

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