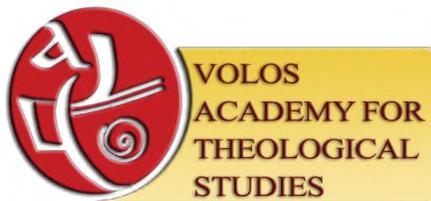


# Resilience and Volos Academy for Theological Studies



# **Volos Academy for Theological Studies**

- Founded in 2000
  
- Recognized as a Research Center by the Ministry of Education since 2014

# Five more specialized departments

- Chanting Art and Musicology
- Study of the Manuscript Tradition of the New Testament
- Canon Law
- Interreligious Studies
- Research of Byzantine and post-Byzantine Monuments

# Main activities include

- The promotion of contemporary Orthodox theology and its opening to the contemporary challenges
- The publication of a series of important works to promote the interactive and ecumenical character of Orthodox theology
- The training of the religious education teachers in the New Curricula of the Greek Public Education and their acquaintance with modern pedagogical methods and practices
- The continuous training of the clergy and laymen of the Diocese of Demetrias in Volos with the aim at offering the most proper pastoral approach of various modern theological and wider cultural issues
- The organization of various events, conferences, seminars

# Online digital Orthodox Theological Library

[www.imdlibrary.gr](http://www.imdlibrary.gr)

Free access to books, scholarly reviews and periodicals, with abstracts available in Greek and English.

This initiative has led to the inclusion of the Volos Academy in the Global Digital Theological Library (<https://www.globethics.net/web/gtl>)

# Physical Library

- Began in 2008
- Is mainly intended for academics as well as special groups of people, such as clergy, students, scholars and researchers
- The collection consists of some 21.000 titles and of approx. 18.000 titles not yet catalogued or in the process of being catalogued, as well as of almost 500 journals, while being continuously enriched with new material (<http://www.imd.gr/biblia/menu.php>)

# Contribution of the Volos Academy to Resilience

Volos has an increased expertise in successfully communicating and disseminating the results of its academic work, research projects, seminars and workshops to the wider academic, intellectual but also non academic community, and the public sphere, by bringing secular institutions, university faculties, and other organizations across Europe into a close interdisciplinary dialogue on topics related to the history, the presence and the role of religion and its culture (with special reference to Eastern Europe and the Balkan area) within and outside academia. Therefore, its principal but not exclusive contribution of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies relates to to the dissemination and communication strategy of RESILIENCE

## **Digital and Physical Tools**

The Academy has established a unique in its kind (especially with regards to the Eastern Orthodox countries) digital library as well as a physical one with a wide range of titles (either out of print or not easily accessible)

Thus, it aims to serve as a focal point of the planned infrastructure by

- being able to attract and further improve existing resources and competences
- so as to facilitate the transmission of knowledge between academics, religious officials and people somehow related to religious studies