

INVITATION

POLYCARP MEETING

March 21, 2026



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CULTURE AND FAITH
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INVITES YOU TO THE
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You Are Invited

On behalf of the Culture and Faith Tourism Association, it is our honor to invite you to the International Symposium on Saint Polycarp, to be held in İzmir with the participation of distinguished scholars, clergy, cultural institutions, and international guests from various countries.

As one of the earliest Christian martyrs and the Patron Saint of İzmir, Saint Polycarp holds a unique place in the religious and cultural heritage of İZMİR.

The symposium aim to highlight Saint Polycarp's historical legacy, and promote İZMİR's rich spiritual landscape at an international level.

We would be deeply honored by your presence.

We kindly request confirmation of your participation at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Respectfully,

Levent Oral
President



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Vice President



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Polycarp Seminar Schedule

09:30 09:45		Levent Oral , President of Culture and Faith Tourism Association <i>"Welcome to the Seminar"</i>
09:45 10:00		Sinem Soygül , İzmir Metropolitan Municipality
10:00 10:30		Martin Kmetec , President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops in Turkey
10:30 10:50		Coffee break
10:50 11:40		Dr. Paul Foster , The University of Edinburgh <i>"Polycarp of Smyrna: Life, Letter, and Legacy"</i>
11:40 12:30		Revd. Prof. Steve Walton , Trinity College (Bristol) <i>"Meeting Suffering and Persecution: A Conversation between the Martyrdom of Polycarp and 1 Peter"</i>
12:30 14:00		Free time for lunch
14:00 14:50		Dr. Paul Foster , The University of Edinburgh <i>"Polycarp: The Central Figure of Second Century Christianity"</i>
14:50 15:40		Dr. Mark Wilson , Asia Minor Research Center <i>"Polycarp and the French Connection: Smyrna and Lugdunum"</i>
15:40 16:30		Dr. Jason Borges , Asia Minor Research Center <i>"The City of Philomelium and the Occasion of the Martyrdom of Polycarp"</i>



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