

## To Our Readers

This issue features papers presented at the Women's Orthodoxy and War Conference, which took place on June 10 and 11, 2022, in Sea Cliff, New York. The conference was co-sponsored by *The Wheel* and *Coffee With Sister Vassa, Inc.* It focused on Russia's war against Ukraine and the implications of this conflict for Orthodox Christianity, mainly but not exclusively from the perspective of American Orthodox Christian women.

While not exhaustively examining all aspects of the complicated relationship between church and war or the many facets of the war in Ukraine, the conference brought together participants from various Orthodox jurisdictions in several countries united by a sense of horror at the unfolding catastrophe in Ukraine and the role of the Russian Church. While speaking from different viewpoints and areas of expertise, participants were united in their concern about this war's present and future implications for Orthodox Christian communities and the global Orthodox Church.

The papers gathered here have been slightly edited for publication. Recordings of the talks, question and answer sessions, and the concluding panel of the conference are available on *The Wheel's* YouTube channel.

