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Deification in Eastern Christianity and its Second Temple Background

Lecturer:

**His Eminence, The Most Reverend
Alexander (Golitzin)**

Archbishop of Dallas and the South and
Ruling Bishop of the Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church of America

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A renowned leader of the Orthodox Church of America and an eminent scholar, Archbishop Alexander is a noted leading expert in the groundbreaking research on Jewish and Christian Mysticism. Having been the disciple of Elder Aemilianos at the Monastery of Simonos Petras on Mount Athos and having received his doctorate at Oxford, Bishop Alexander became Professor of Patristic Studies at Marquette University. Here he formed with his doctoral students the Theophaneia School, a theological forum on the Jewish roots of Eastern Christian mysticism. The School relates Prof. Golitzin's teaching that Theophany (manifestation of God) is the very content of the biblical message. The great Theophanies of Israel and of the New Testament permeate Orthodox theology and liturgy, even if marginalized (save the Transfiguration) by formal academic theology. The Church relates to the great pool of biblical and post-biblical Israel from which she continues to draw. Jewish apocalypses, preserved and copied by Orthodox monks for centuries, are living proof that their ancient custodians had a great appreciation of their Jewish heritage. Among his long list of publications Professor Golitzin's investigations of the Descent of God and the Ascent of man (Deification) take a special place, as in the most recent bilingual edition, English and Syriac, *Jacob of Sarug's Homily on The Chariot That Prophet Ezekiel Saw. Metrical Hymns of Mar Jacob of Sarug* (Gorgias Press, 2016).