

**VOLOS ACADEMY FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
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Certification

We certificate that **Dr. Andrii Smyrnov**, Member of the Synodal Commission on Inter-Christian Relations of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. Professor of the Department of History, National University "Ostroh Academy" has undergone an international internship at the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Volos ,Greece, from July 2 to July 13, 2023.

The Summer School, duration 60 hours, was addressed to Orthodox clergy and lay theologians from Ukraine. The major goal of the programme was to familiarize the participants with the new socio-cultural challenges (secularism, globalization and religious pluralism, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, open society etc.) By taking part in the training, participants gained access to resources, physical and digital libraries, and the most recent literature on topics related to the organization and functioning of a Church in the contemporary and highly demanding European environment, as well as a sufficient overview of the most recent developments in the contemporary Orthodox theology of the second half of the 20th and the early 21th century (representative figures, agenda, and more).

The Director



Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis