

EDITORIAL NOTE

We are most honored to have John Farina as Guest Editor of the second Issue of Methexis Journal. Professor of Religious Studies at the George Mason University, United States, he is teaching courses in religion and law, religion and public policy, and comparative religion. John Farina, as Senior Researcher at Georgetown University, directed the Catholicism and Civic Renewal Program, funded by the Henry Luce Foundation. He was Editor-in-chief of the Classics of Western Spirituality series, and General Editor of Sources of American Spirituality series, Paulist Press, New York. He published a number of books on religion and public policy, including *Great Spiritual Masters* (2002), *Romantic Religion in Ante-Bellum America* (1988), or *An American Experience of God* (1981). In the last decade, John Farina did an intensive and comprehensive field research on the Eastern Christian Spirituality in Romania, Greece, Serbia, Russia. He brought an important contribution to the researches made in St. Gregory Palamas International Seminar (bi-annual meetings starting from 2014), publishing a number on articles on the hesychast practice in Eastern Europe, and producing an excellent documentary, *An American Experience of Romanian Hesychasm*. John Farina is the co-founder of *The Institute for the Study of Values and Spirituality*, conducting, inspiring and sponsoring researches, seminaries or conferences in Romania, Greece, Portugal, and having a major contribution to the Methexis Journal project.