

***Father Michael Azkoul, born of Lebanese descent, is a Greek Orthodox priest and theologian, writer of more than ten books and many other theological essays. A former student of Father Georges Florovsky and Father John Romanides, Father Michael Azkoul has earned four degrees: philosophy, theology, ancient history and Byzantine and Medieval history (PhD). His book about Augustin will be published in Romanian by Anacronic.***

**What were the major influences (persons and books) on your intellectual and spiritual development?**

The person who has had the most influence of my life is Fr John Romanides. My spiritual life I owe to St Gregory the Theologian and the [Latin and Greek Fathers](#) .

**You were a student of Father Georges Florovsky. You also wrote about him in one of [your books](#)**

**. How would you characterize his achievements in the 20<sup>th</sup> century?**

To Fr Georges I am thankful for my knowledge of Russian philosophy.

**In terms of influence and approach to theology, how would you compare Father Florovsky, with a figure like Metropolitan Anthony Khrapovitsky, for example?**

Archbishop Anthony is my teacher of Orthodox ecclesiology. Fr Georges showed me the dangers of Augustinianism.

**What are your thoughts on the future of traditional Orthodoxy in academia?**

They are antithetical.

**What are the chances for a new [Orthodox autocracy](#) (monarchy)?**

None.

**Are there any differences between Russian and Greek Orthodoxy?**

I cannot think of any if they remain faithful to Orthodoxy.

**What is your opinion about The Orthodox Synod in Crete? If there is something wrong with the Synod what are the options for those who realized it?**

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