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Room 200B (Boardroom), Bancroft Building · 4 Bancroft Avenue, St George Campus, Toronto
Coffee from 9:15 AM · Program from 9:30 AM

9:15 Morning coffee

9:30 **Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Society for Syriac Studies**
All members welcome · in person & online

10:00 **Opening & welcome**
Geoffrey Greatrex, President, Canadian Society for Syriac Studies

SESSION I *Chair: Sihaam Khan, University of Toronto*

10:15 Equal Freedom and Repentance in the Parable of the Prodigal Son: Jacob of Serugh's Homily "On the Son Who Squandered His Riches"



Armando Elkhoury, The Hidden Pearl Press · *online*
Pastor, Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Church, Ohio; founder of The Hidden Pearl Press and editor of the Syriac Treasures series

10:45 St Ephrem the Syrian and the Nicene Term ὁμοούσιος — Defending Christ: Celebrating 1700 Years of Nicaea



John Haitham Issak, McMaster Divinity College
Scholar of the Syriac Fathers; has taught patristics, Syriac and Greek at Syriac Orthodox seminaries in Mosul and Damascus

11:15 Coffee & tea break

SESSION II *Chair: Rita Sawaya, University of Toronto*

11:45 A Fragmentary Garshuni-Arabic Chronicle of the Early Modern Maronite College in Rome



Ephrem Aboud Ishac, Austrian Academy of Sciences / Central European University
Principal Investigator of an FWF project on scattered Syriac liturgical manuscripts; Visiting Professor, Central European University, Vienna

12:15 **Reception lunch**

Free public event · All welcome

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