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Fr Silouan Fotineas graduated from Saint Andrew's in 2001. In 2002 he was ordained to the priesthood. His research interests include patristics, ecclesiology and church history during late antiquity. His recent doctoral dissertation was a theologically focused study into the ways in which St Basil used letter-writing to foster communion among bishops. <http://www.sagotc.edu.au/about/profile>

### Accreditation

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College is accredited through the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD), a Higher Education Provider owned by an ecumenical consortium of private colleges, which are its Member Institutions.

The Sydney College of Divinity is listed on the National Register of Higher Education Providers as a Higher Education Provider with Self-Accrediting Authority. It is approved by the Commonwealth for FEE-HELP to eligible students.

St Andrew's offers undergraduate and postgraduate units of study towards SCD courses of study.

### Cross-Institutional Study

Students studying at university or any recognised tertiary institution may be eligible for cross-institutional enrolment whereby units completed through St Andrew's (Sydney College of Divinity) may be credited towards their own undergraduate or postgraduate awards, subject to the approval of their own Faculty Department.

# PATRISTIC STUDIES

## T8581 CHURCH FATHERS: AN INTRODUCTION



*Visiting Lecturer:*

The Very Rev. Professor John Behr  
(St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, USA)

*Unit Coordinator & Lecturer:*

The Very Rev. Dr Silouan Fotineas

Semester 2, 2018

## Unit Objective

This graduate unit (AQF Level 8) engages the main themes and characteristics of Patristic tradition, which it examines within their historical context and from a comparative perspective. It assists students to appreciate the significance of various trends in traditional theology and spirituality for the general Christian experience.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Appreciate the historical and ecclesial contexts of various trends in patristic tradition
2. Display an awareness of the main themes pertaining to the patristic tradition
3. Utilise primary and secondary sources in the analysis of patristic themes
4. Analyse themes pertaining to the patristic tradition within their immediate and distant literary and historical contexts
5. Assess the relevance of patristic tradition to contemporary scholarship and the Christian experience

## Enrolment Options

Students may enrol to attend all on-campus lectures (as per Schedule) or to study online. In either case, all students are required to attend the series of intensive lectures by Fr John Behr, on campus, 16-19 August 2018. The periodic Tuesday evening lectures by Fr Silouan Fotineas will be delivered on campus. They will be recorded and made accessible within Moodle to students studying online.

## Content and Schedule of Lectures

Tuesday July 31 (6-9pm)  
Introduction and the Significance of the Patristic Tradition (Fotineas)  
Tuesday August 7 (6-9pm)  
Patristic Methodology (Fotineas)  
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Intensive Lecture Series by Visiting Professor (Behr)  
**(compulsory for all enrolled students)**  
Thursday August 16 (6-9pm)  
From Emmaus to Sardis: Melito of Sardis  
Friday August 17 (10am-1pm)  
St Ignatius of Antioch  
Friday August 17 (5-8pm)  
St Irenaeus of Lyons: Scripture and Tradition  
Saturday August 18 (10am-1pm)  
St Irenaeus of Lyons: The Economy  
Saturday August 18 (3-6pm)  
Origen of Alexandria: The Gospel  
Sunday August 19 (2-5pm)  
Origen of Alexandria: The Person of Christ  
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Tuesday September 11 (6-9pm)  
St Athanasius of Alexandria (Fotineas)  
Tuesday September 18 (6-9pm)  
St Basil of Caesarea (Fotineas)  
Tuesday September 25 (6-9pm)  
St Gregory of Nazianzus (Fotineas)  
Tuesday October 16 (6-9pm)  
St Gregory of Nyssa (Fotineas)

## Essential Text and Preparatory Reading

The essential text is Formation of Christian Theology, Vol.1 The Way to Nicaea (SVS Press, 2001) by John Behr. Preparatory readings will be prescribed prior to the commencement of the semester, with a number of selected readings to be provided as pdf copies. Students are expected to have read the relevant document(s) before attending the corresponding lecture.

## Tuition Fees

Degree Students:  
\$1,350

Non-Degree Students & Cross-Institutional Students:  
\$1,350

Fees may be paid by credit card (VISA or MasterCard, over the phone, by email, or in person), cash (in person only), cheque / money order (made payable to 'St Andrew's Theological College'), or direct deposit (using bank details on your invoice).  
FEE-HELP is available, subject to eligibility criteria.

Audit Students:  
\$450

Discounts are available for audit students who are Orthodox Clergymen (incl. wives & children), Saint Andrew's Alumni, and Church Volunteers. For details and an enrolment form please visit: [www.sagotc.edu.au/admission/audit-students](http://www.sagotc.edu.au/admission/audit-students)

**Enrolment closes Friday 20 July 2018.**

## For Further Information

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