

Presbyter Dr Doru Costache
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St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College
Report of activity 2012

Course units delivered in semester 1:

- TH383 Early Byzantine Patristic Theology (face-to-face and online; together with Mario Baghos and Anthony Papantoniou)
- TH583 Early Byzantine Patristic Theology (independent mode, online)
- TH632 St Cyril of Alexandria (face-to-face and online)

Course units delivered in semester 2:

- TH182 Early Christian Patristic Theology (face-to-face and online; together with Mario Baghos and Anthony Papantoniou)
- TH384 Later Byzantine Patristic Theology (online)
- TH482 Early Christian Patristic Theology (face-to-face and online; together with Mario Baghos and Anthony Papantoniou)
- TH584 Later Byzantine Patristic Theology (online)
- TH632 St Cyril of Alexandria (online)
- TH685 St Maximus the Confessor (face-to-face and online)

Liturgical and pastoral activity within St Andrew's College:

- Serving with the students in the afternoons (vespers, great compline)
- Spiritual reflections and discussions with the students in chapel
- Private consultations with the students, by their demand

Supervision:

- Archimandrite Silouan Fotineas (PhD, Flinders University; principal supervisor Revd Dr Denis Edwards), doctoral thesis on St Basil the Great as a shepherd
- Mario Baghos (PhD, The University of Sydney; principal supervisor Professor Carole Cusack), doctoral thesis on the sacred topography of the City of Constantinople
- Anthony Papantoniou (PhD, The University of Sydney; principal supervisor Professor Iain Gardner, FAHA), doctoral thesis on the Principle of Theandricity in Byzantine Christology

Examination:

- Barbara Howard, 'Foundations for a Theology of Boundaries, with Implications for Pastoral Supervision,' research essay in partial fulfilment of the requirements for Master of Arts, Sydney College of Divinity, 2012
- David Robert Novic, *God, Humanity and Nature in Irenaeus: A Critique of White's Essay*, a thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for Bachelor of Theology (Honours), St Francis Theological College, Charles Sturt University, 2012

Editorial work:

- Guest co-editor (with Philip Kariatlis), *Phronema* 27:2 (2012)

Peer reviewed publications:

- 'Approaching *An Apology for the Hexaemeron*: Its Aims, Method and Discourse' *Phronema* 27:2 (2012): 53-81 (10,500 words)
- 'Christianity and the World in the *Letter to Diognetus*: Inferences for Contemporary Ecclesial Experience' *Phronema* 27:1 (2012): 29-50 (7,000 words)

Chapters in books:

- 'Theology and Natural Sciences in St Gregory Palamas'. In: Ronald S. Laura, Rachel A. Buchanan, Amy K. Chapman (eds.). *God, Freedom and Nature*. Sydney - New York - Boston: Body and Soul Dynamics, 2012: 132-38 (4,700 words)

Scholarly events:

- Co-convened (with Philip Kariatlis) the St Andrew's Patristic Symposium 2012 (28-29 September)

Conference papers:

- 'Transdisciplinary Elements in the Patristic Byzantine Thought' Anniversary Symposium Basarab Nicolescu - 70 (Aula Magna of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest; 12 November, 2012)
- 'The Cosmos as Another Scripture in Clement the Alexandrine and St Athanasius the Great' St Andrew's Patristic Symposium 2012 (St Andrew's, Redfern NSW; 29 September, 2012)

Occasional lectures:

- 'Patristic and Liturgical Approaches to the Book of Genesis (1:2-3)' Short Course in Orthodox Studies, St Spyridon's Parish Hall, Kingsford NSW, 27 November 2012
- 'The Spiritual Life, Marriage and Relationships' Kogarah Fellowship, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 26 November 2012
- 'Addressing Creation and Evolution: The Traditional Evidence' (followed by a round table with Dr Guy Freeland) St Andrew's Friday Seminars (Orthodox Perspectives on Evolutionary Theory), St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College, Redfern NSW, 24 August 2012
- 'Addressing the Poem of Creation: The Traditional Evidence' St Andrew's Friday Seminars (Orthodox Perspectives on Evolutionary Theory), St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College, Redfern NSW, 10 August 2012
- 'The Function of Community, Liturgy and Tradition in the Interpretation of Genesis 1: The Byzantine Perspective' Guest lecture for the research seminars of the Department of Studies in Religion, the University of Sydney, 15 May 2012
- 'The Relationship between Theology and Science' Guest lecture for Introduction to Theology, St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College, Redfern NSW, 10 May 2012
- 'Insights into the Study of the Church Fathers' Autumn Residential School, St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College, Redfern NSW, 20 April 2012

- ‘St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College: Glimpses of Its Life’ Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 8 April 2012
- ‘The Reading of the Bible During Great Lent’ A Lenten Lecture Series, St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College, Redfern NSW, 18 March 2012
- ‘Three Stages: Walking the Spiritual Path’ Kogarah Fellowship, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 12 March 2012
- ‘Back to Basics: The Fundamentals of Our Faith and Life in Questions and Answers’ Kogarah Fellowship, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 5 March 2012
- ‘The Ministry of Oversight: The Office of Bishop and President in the Church (Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue in Australia 2000-2007)’ Comments offered for the Executive of the National Council of Churches in Australia St Stephen’s Uniting Church, Sydney, 1 March 2012

Representation:

- Represented His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos of Australia in two meetings of the Executive of the National Council of Churches in Australia
- Attended the monthly meetings of the Research Committee of the SCD, representing St Andrew’s College

New memberships:

- Reviewer for *Australian eJournal of Theology* (ISSN 1448-6326)
- Reviewer for *Studii Teologice* (ISSN 1011-8845)