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St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College
Report of activity 2013

Course units delivered in semester 1:

- TH383 Early Byzantine Patristic Theology (face-to-face and online; together with Mario Baghos and Anthony Papantoniou)
- TH384 Later Byzantine Patristic Theology (online; together with Mario Baghos)
- TH397 Readings in Byzantine Iconology (online)
- TH583 Early Byzantine Patristic Theology (online)
- TH584 Later Byzantine Patristic Theology (online; together with Mario Baghos)

Course units delivered in semester 2:

- TH182 Early Christian Patristic Theology (face-to-face and online; together with Anthony Papantoniou)
- TH384 Later Byzantine Patristic Theology (online)
- TH482 Early Christian Patristic Theology (face-to-face and online)
- TH584 Later Byzantine Patristic Theology (online)
- TH595 Creator and Creation in Early Christian Theology (face-to-face and online; together with Professor Paul M. Blowers)
- TH695 Spiritual Pedagogy in Saint Maximus the Confessor (face-to-face and online; together with Professor Paul M. Blowers)

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

Training within the College and the SCD:

- Presented the report 'Strategic Priorities in Research' for the St Andrew's Professional Development Day, 25 February 2013
- Invited by Professor James Harrison (Director Research) to share insights from the scholarly activity of St Andrew's at the SCD Professional Development Day, 13 May 2013.

Supervision:

- Archimandrite Kyrillos Zisis (MTh, St Andrew's/SCD), research project on St Maximus the Confessor's *To Thalassius* 59 (translation and commentary)
- Archdeacon Siluan Mrakic (MTh, St Andrew's/SCD), research essay on St Justin Popovic and his approach to the Church Fathers
- 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:

- Correy Akeley, *Living Tradition in Eastern Orthodox Theology – A Critical Assessment*, thesis presented to the Australian College of Theology in partial fulfilment of the degree Master of Theology

Editorial work:

- *Cappadocian Legacy: A Critical Appraisal* (Sydney: St Andrew's Orthodox Press, 2013) (with Philip Kariatlis). ISBN 978-0-9775974-9-9
- Guest co-editor (with Philip Kariatlis), *Phronema* 28:2 (2013)

Peer reviewed publications:

- 'Living above Gender: Insights from Saint Maximus the Confessor' *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 21:2 (2013) 261-290 (12,600 words)
- 'Meaningful Cosmos: Logos and Nature in Clement the Alexandrian's *Exhortation to the Gentiles*' *Phronema* 28:2 (2013) 107-30 (9,100 words)
- 'Making Sense of the World: Theology and Science in St Gregory of Nyssa's *An Apology for the Hexaemeron*' *Phronema* 28:1 (2013) 1-29 (10,280 words)
- 'At the Crossroads of Contemporary Cosmology and the Patristic Worldview: Movement, Rationality and Purpose in Father Dumitru Stăniloae' *Studii Teologice* 2 (2013): 111-34 (11,600 words)
- 'The Transdisciplinary Carats of Patristic Byzantine Tradition' *Transdisciplinary Journal of Engineering and Science* 4 (2013) 131-140 (7,500 words)
- 'Raymond Laird: *Mindset, Moral Choice and Sin in the Anthropology of John Chrysostom*. Early Christian Studies 15. Strathfield: St Pauls Publications, 2012; pp. 296' (book review) *Journal of Religious History* 37:3 (2013): 413-14 (1,000 words)

Chapters in books:

- 'Christian Worldview: Understandings from St Basil the Great' In: Costache, D. and Kariatlis, P. (eds). *Cappadocian Legacy: A Critical Appraisal*. Sydney, NSW: St Andrew's Orthodox Press, 2013: 97-126 (13,200 words)
- 'Seeking Out the Antecedents of the Maximian Theory of Everything: St Gregory the Theologian's Oration 38' In: Costache, D. and Kariatlis, P. (eds). *Cappadocian Legacy: A Critical Appraisal*. Sydney, NSW: St Andrew's Orthodox Press, 2013: 225-41 (7,300 words)
- 'Approaching An Apology for the Hexaemeron: Its Aims, Method and Discourse' In: Costache, D. and Kariatlis, P. (eds). *Cappadocian Legacy: A Critical Appraisal*. Sydney, NSW: St Andrew's Orthodox Press, 2013: 349-71 (6,900 words)

Non-reviewed publications:

- 'Elemente de Tip Transdisciplinar în Gândirea Patristică Bizantină' *Tabor* 7:12 (2013) 23-32 (6,000 words)

- ‘Raționalitate și Mișcare la Părintele Dumitru Stăniloae’ *Tabor* no 7:11 (Nov 2013) 59-69 (7,000 words)
- ‘September 2013: A peak month at St Andrew’s College’ *The Greek Australian Vema* October 2013: 12 & 15 (1,300 words)
- ‘The Gospel according to the Fathers: The Visit of Professor Paul M. Blowers and the Round Table on St Maximus the Confessor at St Andrew’s College’ *The Greek Australian Vema* August 2013: 12 (1,000 words)

Scholarly events:

- Co-convened (with Philip Kariatlis) the St Andrew’s Patristic Symposium 2013 (20-21 September)
- Organised at St Andrew’s (with Anastasios Kalogerakis) a Round Table on Expanding Reason: The Christian Transformation of Philosophy in the World of the Fathers (19 September 2013) with Professor David Bradshaw (University of Kentucky, USA) and Dr Adam Cooper (JP II Institute, Melbourne VIC)
- Within my course unit Early Christian Patristic Theology at St Andrew’s I organised a special introduction to St Athanasius the Great (19 September 2013), having as guests Professor David Bradshaw (University of Kentucky, USA) and Dr Adam Cooper (JP II Institute, Melbourne VIC)
- Organised at St Andrew’s (with Philip Kariatlis) a Round Table on St Maximus the Confessor (27 July 2013) with guest speakers Professor Paul M. Blowers (Emmanuel Christian Seminary, USA), Dr Bronwen Neil, FAHA (ACU, Brisbane QLD) and Dr Adam Cooper (JP II Institute, Melbourne VIC)
- Organised (with Anastasios Kalogerakis) the visit of internationally renowned scholar Professor Paul M. Blowers, who lectured at St Andrew’s on 17-24 July 2013

Conference papers:

- ‘Saintly Perceptions of the Gendered Humankind: *Ambigua* 10 and 41’ Early Christian Centuries I: Men and Women in Early Christianity (Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, VIC; 3-5 Oct 2013)
- ‘Adam as a Hesychast in Saints Athanasius the Great, Cyril of Alexandria, Gregory Palamas and Silouan the Athonite’ St Andrew’s Patristic Symposium 2013 (St Andrew’s, Redfern NSW; 21 September 2013)
- ‘Musical Analogies in the Alexandrine Tradition: Clement and St Athanasius’ Conference Addressing the Sacred through Literature and the Arts (Australian Catholic University, Strathfield NSW; 3-4 Aug 2013)

Projects:

- *Theology and Life Series* – a catechetical initiative of St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College. The project consists in touring the state and territory capital cities for the delivery of public lectures. Together with Philip Kariatlis, Anastasios Kalogerakis and Mario Baghos.
- *Christianity and the Arts Series* – an annual event hosted by the Greek Orthodox Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW. The project consists in a series of interdisciplinary lectures. Together with Archimandrite Sophronios Konidaris, Andrew Mellas, Mario Baghos and Chris Baghos.

Occasional lectures:

- ‘Making Sense of the Creed with the Church Fathers’ A Creed To Live By, Theology and Life Series, a catechetical initiative of St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College, Greek Orthodox Parish and Community of Saints Constantine and Helen, Northbridge WA, 14 December 2013
- ‘Two Anthropological Standpoints – Is there a Midpoint?’ Kogarah Fellowship, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 25 November 2013
- ‘The Worldview of the Fathers and the Cosmological Paradigms’ Kogarah Fellowship, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 18 November 2013
- ‘Science and Theology: Patristic Insights’ Kogarah Fellowship, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 11 November 2013
- ‘Approaching St Maximus the Confessor’s Anthropology of Holiness’ A Short Course in Orthodox Studies, St Spyridon’s Parish Hall, Kingsford NSW, 29 October 2013
- ‘Making Sense of the Creed with the Church Fathers’ Introducing the Creed, Theology and Life Series, a catechetical initiative of St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College, Greek Orthodox Community and Parish of St George, Thebarton SA, 6 July 2013
- ‘From Kazantzakis’ Cretan Glance back to St Maximus the Confessor’ Inaugural talk of the *Christianity and the Arts* series, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 24 June 2013
- ‘The Essence and Energy Distinction: A Short History’ Guest lecture for TH104A Introduction to Orthodox Theology, St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College, 30 May 2013
- ‘Making Sense of the Creed with the Church Fathers’ Introducing the Creed, Theology and Life Series, a catechetical initiative of St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College, St John’s Greek Orthodox College, Preston VIC, 6 April 2013
- ‘Living as Christians in Society: The Wisdom of the Macarian Homilies’ (Part 2) Kogarah Fellowship, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 8 April 2013
- ‘Living as Christians in Society: The Wisdom of the Macarian Homilies’ (Part 1) Kogarah Fellowship, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Kogarah NSW, 18 March 2013

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 and distinctions:

- Conferral of the ecclesiastical office of protopresbyter by His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos of Australia (25 July 2013)
- Elected member of the scientific advisory board of the Institute for Transdisciplinary Studies in Science, Spirituality and Society (Romania) (2013-)

- Member of the International Association of Patristic Studies (France) (2013-)
- Member of the North American Patristics Society (USA) (2013-)
- Reviewer for *Critical Research on Religion* (ISSN 2050-3032 / ISSN 2050-3040)