

#### **Theme**

In the early Church, the sacrament of baptism was understood in a very positive way; namely, as the means by which the faithful could be incorporated into the Church, the body of Christ. They saw baptism as being clothed with Christ, participating in his death and resurrection and sharing in his victory over death. In a very real sense, baptism was seen to be intimately connected with their daily struggle to authentically 'live' a life in Christ. Today, baptism is seen in a narrow way as a one-off ritual whereby 'original sin' is taken away and one's salvation is secured.

In these series of talks, we hope to rediscover some of the important teachings of our Orthodox Christian faith on baptism and explore ways in which the faithful can make this meaningful and relevant in their everyday life.

#### **Program**

9:30-10:00 Registration 10:00 Prayer & Welcome 10:10-10:50 Presenter 1 11:00-11:40 Presenter 2 11:50 Group Photo 12:00-12:40 Lunch 12:50 Presenter 3 1:30-2:00 Q & A College Profile 2:00 Farewell

# 2015 Adult Faith Education Seminar

#### **Topic**

'Being Clothed With Christ'

# **Presented by**

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College www.sagotc.edu.au

Saturday 27 June 2015 9:30am to 2:00pm

# St John's College

21 Railway Place West, Preston

# **Book Stall on Display**

A range of books and icons from the Holy Monastery of Panagia Gorgoepikoos, Lovely Banks

# **Study Options**

Get a taste of theological learning and enquire about undergraduate and postgraduate courses available through distance education

#### **Speakers**

Very Rev. Dr Doru Costache Senior Lecturer in Patristic Studies "Patristic Insights into the Mystery of Baptism and the Spiritual Life"

Dr Philip Kariatlis Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology "The Meaning of Baptism and its Significance for our Everyday Life"

Basilios Psilacos
Teacher in Liturgical Studies
and Byzantine Music
"The Structural Overview and
Meaning of the Ritual of Baptism"

# Please register for this event by 17 June 2015

### **Entry by Donation**

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Image: Triptych icon of our Lord's baptism.
Twelfth century. Holy Monastery
of St Catherine's, Sinai.