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### Theme

In this series of talks, we hope to recover some of the wisdom of the early Christian Church regarding the sacredness of marriage. Many early Fathers of the Church discerned the love between husband and wife as an image of divine love. They saw marriage first and foremost in a very positive way, namely, as a school where one could learn to 'live' the love of God. In this way, marriage was understood as a pathway leading towards God's heavenly kingdom enabling spouses to become joint "heirs of the gracious gift of life" (1 Peter 3:7).

In light of all that we are witnessing today with regards to the desecralisation of marriage, it becomes all the more important to become better acquainted with our Church's teaching on the sacredness of marriage, doing so in such a way, however, which is not constricted, intolerant and authoritarian.

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### 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  
**12:50-1:30** Presenter 3  
**1:30-2:00** Q & A and College Profile  
**2:00** Farewell

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### Topic

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#### Book Stall on Display

A range of books and icons from the Holy Monastery of Panagia Gorgoepikoos ("She Who is Quick to Hear")

#### Study Options

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

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### Presenters

Dr Philip Kariatlis  
*Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology*  
 'The Theology and Sacredness of Marriage'

Basilios Psilacos  
*Associate Lecturer in Liturgical Studies and Byzantine Music*  
 'The Marriage Service'

Anastasios Kalogerakis  
*College Registrar*  
 'God's Love for His People: A Marital Union of Biblical Proportions'

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 The Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee

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