



Wisdom and Light

An Introduction to the Philosophy of the Greek Church Fathers

Discover the enduring wisdom of the Greek Christian tradition through the voices of some of its greatest thinkers.

An evening short course at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Redfern

WHEN

17 Aug, 24 Aug, 21 Sept, 6:00pm – 8:00pm,

WHERE

242 Cleveland St, Redfern NSW, 2016

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Three evening sessions at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Redfern

In the time of the early church, Christian thinkers engaged with the terms, ideas and problems of Greek philosophy, in a way reminiscent of that in which theologians today engage with modern science and popular culture. In this series of public lectures, you will encounter three diverse and striking examples of how Christians in the ancient world — from desert ascetics to urban intellectuals — brought their faith into conversation with the Greek philosophical tradition.

Hosted at Sydney's historic Cathedral of the Annunciation of our Lady in Redfern, these evening sessions provide an accessible entry point into profound ideas. No prior knowledge needed — just bring your curiosity about life's big questions.

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Three Monday evenings:
17 Aug, 24 Aug, 21 Sept,
6:00pm – 8:00pm,
with light refreshments

WHERE

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Open to students
from all universities
and colleges and to
members of the public.



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Meet the teachers



Professor Vrasidas Karalis

Professor Vrasidas Karalis holds the Sir Nicholas Laurantos Chair in Modern Greek and Byzantine Studies at the University of Sydney, where he has taught since 1990. A Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, he has published widely on Byzantine historiography, Greek cinema, literary criticism and political philosophy, and edits the *Modern Greek Studies Journal of Australia and New Zealand*.



Professor Bronwen Neil

Professor Bronwen Neil is Professor of Ancient History at Macquarie University and Director of its Centre for Ancient Cultural Heritage and Environment. A Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and past President of the Australian Association for Byzantine Studies, she is an authority on early Christianity and Byzantine Greek, and has produced editions and translations of the life and letters of Maximus the Confessor.



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Dr Samuel Kaldas is Lecturer in Philosophy in the School of Philosophy and Theology and Seminar Convenor in the Centre for the History of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame Australia. He specialises in Eastern Christian thought, early modern philosophy and philosophy of religion.

In 2023 he was Distinguished Fellow at the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University, and his recent work includes *The Cambridge Platonists and Early Modern Philosophy* (Cambridge University Press, 2024).