

ENQUIRIES

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REGISTRATION

The accompanying Registration Form should be sent to:

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Registration forms & payment must arrive by 31st August 2007

Refund Policy is as follows:

25+ days to Symposium:	75% Refund
14+ days to Symposium:	50% Refund
14 days or less to Symposium:	No Refund



St. Mary (El-Sourian) Monastery, Scetis, Egypt

Symposium Details

Location and Dates

The conference will be held at St. Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College (Diocese of Melbourne), Corner of Park Rd. and Heads Rd., Donvale, Victoria, Australia. It will commence on the afternoon of the 29th September, 2007 and continue through until the evening of 30th September, 2007.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available off-site at:
Clarion Hotel
326 Canterbury Rd., Forest Hill, VICTORIA 3131
Ph: +61 3 9878 4111

Cost \$147 (AUS) per night when mentioning 'Symposium'.
A shuttle bus service will be available.

Fees and Registration

Full Registration

Includes entry to all Symposium sessions and related activities (including the Coptic Exhibition); all meals including Official Symposium Dinner.

Full Rate: AUD \$150
Concession: AUD \$130 (students)

COPTIC EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION OPENING 2:45 pm, Saturday 29th September, 2007

Hours: Saturday 2:45 pm – 10:00 pm
Sunday 9 am – 7:00 pm

This exhibition will include modern Coptic icons written by the well known Coptic iconographer Ashraf Fayek. It will also contain many Coptic manuscripts as well as a photo exhibition of Coptic life in Egypt with displays focusing on the Monastic movement.

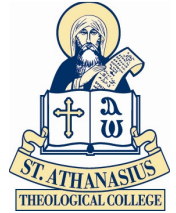
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COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE 3RD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM



Monasticism Symposium

29th – 30th September 2007



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Melbourne, Australia

Monasticism

Fourth Century Christians moved in droves to the deserts of Egypt and, in the famous words of Saint Athanasius, made the desert a city. In so doing, they captured the imagination of the ancient world. They initiated techniques of prayer and asceticism, of discipleship and spiritual direction, that have remained central to Christianity ever since. Seeking to map the soul's long journey to God and plot out the subtle impulses of the human heart, they created and inspired texts that became classics of Christian spirituality.

Preliminary Symposium Program

Saturday 29th September 2007

2 pm – 2:45 pm	Arrival and Registration
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Welcome/Introduction to the Symposium His Grace Bishop Suriel Exhibition Opening Mrs Inas Ramzy The story of the building of the Whitefriars Diocese of Melbourne Fr Paul Chandler
3:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Afternoon Tea
4:15 pm – 4:55 pm	First Session - The Beginnings The Premonastic, Alexandrine, communities of the Therapeutae according to Philo Dr Matthew Martin , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
4:55 pm – 5:35 pm	The terms for monks in documentary papyri from Egypt Dr Malcolm Choat , Macquarie University, Sydney
5:35 pm – 6:15 pm	Virginity and Marriage in Coptic monasticism of the fourth century Dr Heshmat Keroloss , St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College & The Melbourne Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Melbourne
6:15 pm – 6:55 pm	Inauguration of the Book Fair Fr Macarius Wahba , St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College, Melbourne
7 pm – 7:45 pm	Vespers - St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Church
7:45 pm	Dinner - Main Dining Hall

Sunday 30th September 2007

7 am – 9 am	Divine Liturgy – St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Church
9 am – 10 am	Breakfast - Main Dining Hall

Sunday 30th September 2007 Continued'...

10 am – 10:40 am	Second Session - The Golden Age Apophthegmata Patrum (Sayings of the Desert Fathers) Rev Columba Stewart , OSB, Collegeville, Minnesota
10:40 am – 11:20 am	St Shenoute, and monasticism in the fifth century in Upper Egypt Dr Heike Behlmer , Macquarie University, Sydney
11:20 am – 12 pm	Monasteries around Alexandria in the early seventh century Rev Dr Peter Hill , University of South Australia, Russian Orthodox Church, SA
12 pm – 12:30 pm	Afternoon Tea
12:30 pm – 1:10 pm	Third Session - The Evolution of Monasticism The Monastic life of St. Severus of Antioch Professor Pauline Allen , Australian Catholic University, Centre for Early Christian Studies, Brisbane
1:10 pm – 1:50 pm	Scetis between the sixth and seventh centuries Dr Youhanna Nessim Youssef , Australian Catholic University and St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College
1:50 pm – 2:30 pm	Monks & Martyrs-New discoveries in Monasteries of the Martyrs, Akhmeim His Grace Bishop Martyros , General Bishop-Coptic Orthodox Church, Egypt
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Lunch
3:15 pm – 3:55 pm	Fourth Session - Copts and The World Contacts between Irish monks and Eastern and Egyptian Christians during the Early Middle Ages Rev Dr Christopher Hanlon , Australian Catholic University, Centre for Early Christian Studies, Brisbane
3:55 pm – 4:35 pm	The heart meditation between St Augustine and Coptic monasticism Professor Kazuhiko Demura , Okoyama University, Japan
4:35 pm – 5:00 pm	Afternoon Tea
5:00 pm – 5:40 pm	Fifth Session - Monasticism in the World Early Armenian monasticism Dr Abraham Terian , St Nersess Armenian Seminary, New York
5:40 pm – 6:20 pm	Early Syriac monasticism Dr Geoffrey Jenkins , St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College and Deakin University, Melbourne
6:20 pm – 7:00 pm	Conclusion His Grace Bishop Suriel
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Official Symposium Dinner - Main Dining Hall

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Fees

Full Registration (Please Tick)
Full Rate: AUD \$150
Concession:* AUD \$130

**Proof of concessional status must be provided*

I enclose a cheque/bank draft for AUD \$.....

Please specify if you need particular dietary requirements:

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