



Fr John Behr is The Father Georges Florovsky Distinguished Professor of Patristics at St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, New York. He teaches courses in patristics, dogmatics and scriptural exegesis at the seminary and also at Fordham University where he is the Distinguished Lecturer in Patristics. Before becoming Dean of St Vladimir's in 2007, he served as the editor of *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly*, and he still edits the Popular Patristics Series for SVS Press.

His early work was on issues of asceticism and anthropology, focusing on St Irenaeus of Lyons and Clement of Alexandria. After spending almost a decade in the second century, Fr John began the publication of a series on the Formation of Christian Theology, and his research progressed through to the fifth and sixth centuries including work on Diodore of Tarsus and Theodore of Mopsuestia. His recent scholarly endeavours include a new critical edition and translation of Origen's *On First Principles* whilst his ongoing collaborative research relates to a new edition and translation of the complete works of St Irenaeus of Lyons (*Against the Heresies*, the *Demonstration of the Apostolic Preaching*, and *Fragments*) again for Oxford University Press. A book on the Gospel of John is also forthcoming.

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Accreditation

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College is accredited through the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD), a Higher Education Provider owned by an ecumenical consortium of private colleges, which are its Member Institutions.

The Sydney College of Divinity is listed on the National Register of Higher Education Providers as a Higher Education Provider with Self-Accrediting Authority. It is approved by the Commonwealth for FEE-HELP to eligible students.

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College offers undergraduate and postgraduate units of study towards SCD courses of study.

Cross-Institutional Study

Students studying at university or any recognised tertiary institution may be eligible for cross-institutional enrolment whereby units completed through St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College (Sydney College of Divinity) may be credited towards their own undergraduate or postgraduate awards, subject to the written approval of the relevant academic authority in their own home institution.

PATRISTIC STUDIES

Intensive Lecture Series

T9684

PATRISTIC PROFILE: ST IRENAEUS OF LYONS



Visiting Lecturer:

The Very Rev. Professor John Behr
(St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological
Seminary, USA)

Semester 2, 2018

Unit Objective

This graduate unit (AQF Level 9) advances the study of the patristic phenomenon within a complex framework, theological, spiritual, literary and historical. It enables students to appreciate, by way of a detailed study of the available resources, the personality and legacy of a given Church Father.

Learning Outcomes

1. Appreciate the personality and understand the historical context of this Church Father
2. Display a profound knowledge of the selected writings of this Church Father, together with the relevant developments in scholarship
3. Evaluate the place of this Church Father within the broader patristic phenomenon
4. Critically analyse the selected writings of this Church Father within the framework of relevant scholarship
5. Assess the relevance of this Church Father to contemporary Christian experience

Prerequisite Unit

T8581 Church Fathers: An Introduction (or equivalent foundational knowledge in patristic studies)

Enrolment Options

This unit will only be delivered as an intensive series of lectures on campus scheduled around the 2018 Patristic Symposium dedicated to St Irenaeus of Lyons. Attendance is compulsory for all lectures and the symposium sessions.

Content

1. Biography
2. Bibliography
3. Historical, theological and cultural context
4. Main contributions
5. Traditional reception
6. *Status quaestionis* in contemporary scholarship

Schedule of Lectures

Intensive Lecture Series by Visiting Professor
(compulsory attendance for all enrolled students)

Thursday August 23 (10am-1pm)
St Irenaeus, *Against the Heresies*, Book 1
Thursday August 23 (5-8pm)
St Irenaeus, *Against the Heresies*, Book 2
Friday August 24
Patristic Symposium (Day 1, incl. Keynote Address)
Saturday August 25
Patristic Symposium (Day 2)
Sunday August 26 (2-5pm)
St Irenaeus, *Against the Heresies*, Book 3
Monday August 27 (10am-1pm)
St Irenaeus, *Against the Heresies*, Book 4
Monday August 27 (5-8pm)
St Irenaeus, *Against the Heresies*, Book 5

Essential Text and Preparatory Reading

The essential text is [Irenaeus of Lyons: Identifying Christianity \(OUP, 2013\) by John Behr](#), available for purchase from a number of online vendors. Preparatory reading is prescribed prior to the commencement of the semester. Students are expected to have read the essential text in time for the first lecture, and the relevant documents before attending the corresponding lecture.

Enrolment Period and Assessment Tasks

This unit is offered in Semester 2, 2018, which runs from 30 July until 16 November 2018. The two assessment tasks (e.g. critical book review, 1500 words, 30%; essay, 3500 words, 70%) will be due at appropriate intervals throughout the duration of the semester.

Tuition Fees

Degree Students:
\$1,350

Non-Degree Students & Cross-Institutional Students:
\$1,350

Fees may be paid by credit card (VISA or MasterCard, over the phone, by email, or in person), cash (in person only), cheque / money order (made payable to 'St Andrew's Theological College'), or direct deposit (using bank details on your invoice).
FEE-HELP is available, subject to eligibility criteria.

Audit Students:
\$450

Discounts are available for audit students who are Orthodox Clergymen (incl. wives & children), Saint Andrew's Alumni, and Church Volunteers. For details and an enrolment form please visit:

www.sagotc.edu.au/admission/audit-students

Enrolment closes Friday 20 July 2018.

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