

Program

Convenors

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Friday, 22 August

ST ANDREW'S
Fifth Theology
Symposium
2025

12:00pm Registration Table Open
Tea/Coffee available

PARALLEL SESSIONS

12:30pm Session 1 - Room 1

Dr Vicki Petrakis

Athanasius Contra Mundum: the "Pillar of the Church" and Neo-Nicene Politics in the Thought of Gregory Nazianzen

Session 1 - Room 2

Dr Peter McGregor

The Council of Nicaea and the Paradoxes of Faith, with a Focus on False Cataphaticism

1:10pm Session 2 - Room 1

Revd Dr Antonios Kaldas

Stranger than We Can Imagine: How recent developments in Consciousness Studies revive an ancient anthropology, give us new ways to express Nicene Christology, and make mystery cool again

Session 2 - Room 2

A/Prof. Philip Kariatlis

The Cross as Glory: Divine Manifestation and the Nicene Vision in St Athanasius' On the Incarnation

1:50pm Session 3 - Room 1

Prof. Neil Ormerod

The Council of Nicaea and the status of the divine processions

Session 3 - Room 2

Dr Samuel Kaldas

Nicaea and Athanasius in the Theology of Matthew the Poor

2:30pm Afternoon Tea Break

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- 3:00pm **Session 4 – Room 1**
Revd Anastasios Bozikis
“Not With the Jews”: Nicaea and the Case for an Uncommon Date of Easter.
- Session 4 – Room 2**
Dr Joe Mock
Zurich and Nicaea: Bullinger and the Trinity
- 3:40pm **Session 5 – Room 1**
Bishop Silouan of Adelaide
The Pro-Nicene Theology, Personality and Legacy of St Basil the Great
- Session 5 – Room 2**
Michael Kuznetsov (via ZOOM)
The Council of Nicaea and the Role of Athanasius the Great
- 4:20pm **Afternoon Tea Break**
- 4:50pm **PLENARY SESSION**
Welcome by the President of the NSW Ecumenical Council
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Prof. Lewis Ayres (via ZOOM)
Why is Nicaea Important?
- 6:00pm **Group Photo and afternoon tea**
- 6:40pm **PLENARY SESSION**
Prayer
Patriarchal Message
Welcome by the President and Dean of the College
- 7:00pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Prof. Peter Bouteneff
The Odyssey of the Homoousion
- 8:30pm **Supper**

Saturday, 23 August

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7:00am Celebration of the **Divine Liturgy** in English
for the Leave-Taking of the Feast of Dormition
of the Theotokos; St Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.
(Cathedral)

9:00am **PLENARY SESSION**
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Very Revd Prof. John Behr FBA

*'God Stands in the Congregation of God':
Speaking of God Before and After Nicaea*

10:30am **Morning Tea**

PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:00am **Session 6 - Room 1**

Revd Prof. Demetrios Bathrellos (via ZOOM)
Nicaea's Insights into Primacy and Conciliarity

Session 6 - Room 2

Dr James Rutherford

*One God the Father Almighty?
Appropriating Augustine's Exegesis of Deuteronomy
6:4 in Response to the Challenge of Three Gods*

11:40am **Session 7 - Room 1**

Revd Canon Dr Mark D Thompson
Nicaea and Holy Scripture

Session 7 - Room 2

Revd Dr Rod Benson

Nicaea and Moral Theology

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- 12:20pm **Session 8 – Room 1**
Revd Prof. Gerard Kelly
The Creed of Nicaea and Modern Ecumenical Efforts
- Session 8 – Room 2**
Dr Andrew Mellas
The First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in the Liturgical Imagination of Byzantium
- 1:00pm **Session 9 – Room 1**
Mr Lawrence Qummou
Salvific Logic: Nicaea and the God-world relationship
- Session 9 – Room 2**
Fr Alexander Aziz and Mr Michael Ibrahim
The Symbol of Faith as a Symbol of Resistance: Polemical Utility of the Nicene/Constantinopolitan Creed in the Post-Chalcedonian Period
- 1:40pm **LUNCH and Closing Remarks**
- 2:30pm **END OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

Sunday, 24 August

- 7:30am **Synodal Divine Liturgy**, presided by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia and concelebrated with members of the Holy Eparchial Synod at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Redfern.