



Talk in English

Sunday,

10 August 2008

*With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion,
Archbishop of Sydney, Australia and New Zealand, Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia,
You are invited to a talk by Priestmonk Kosmas entitled:*

Living a Christian Marriage in our Difficult Times

Those who are married or who intend to marry have an urgent need to know the teachings of the Church with regard to the roles of husbands and wives.

Unfortunately, most Orthodox Christians obtain information about marriage from a variety of sources, and much of this information is contrary to Church teaching. The result of this is evident from the fact that approximately half of all marriages end in divorce. A proper knowledge of the Church's teaching can transform a marriage in a positive way, especially with regards to the salvation of the soul.

Among the topics included in this talk are: the relationship between husbands and wives; the problems facing newlyweds; is it necessary to have many children?; divorce; second marriages; child-bearing and contraception; quarrels; adultery; abortion; living with a difficult spouse; marriage and mental illness, and more.

Venue: Saint George Russian Orthodox Church
15 Garfield St, Carlton, Sydney.

At 6:00 pm a Moleben and Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos will be served in anticipation of the upcoming feast of her Holy Dormition. The faithful will have an opportunity to submit names for commemoration.

At 7:00 pm the talk will be given in the hall at the rear of the church.

A laminated prayer for a spouse and pamphlets on marriage will be distributed at no cost to those present.

After every talk there will be beverages, savouries and sweets for those who wish to stay. People are welcome to come to the service, the talk, or both. A bookstall with Orthodox books and CDs in English will also be available.

Future talks: Sunday, 7th September, 2008
Sunday, 5th October, 2008

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