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SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS ORTHODOX INSTITUTE

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New Academic Award Agreement

SCMOI commenced offering accredited tertiary awards in 2018 under an arrangement with Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD) and the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology. This proved to be a very positive arrangement and greatly facilitated the work of the Institute.

Unfortunately, the ACD Council decided to cease operations at the end of 2022. Consequently, SCMOI has now entered a new arrangement with the University of Divinity, based in Melbourne, together with Uniting College.



The University of Divinity comprises some of Australia's oldest and best-known theological colleges and is widely regarded as a premier tertiary theological education provider.

Under this arrangement, SCMOI will retain its identity, independence and ethos, and continue to deliver Orthodox content, but now in line with UD's educational and administrative standards.

From Semester 1, 2023, SCMOI students will be able to complete a range of awards in theology, including certificates and diplomas, a Bachelor program (BTh) and postgraduate Master of Theological Studies (MTS) and Master of Theology (MTh) degrees. Arrangements also will be in place for research students to proceed to the postgraduate MPhil and doctorate (PhD).

With this new arrangement come both opportunities and challenges, and we ask the ongoing support and

prayers of all in the Church as we take this step towards further accomplishing the Institute's mission.

ACD Graduation, December 2022



On the evening of Monday 12 December 2022, Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD) held its 44th (and final) Graduation ceremony.

As a token of recognition and of appreciation for all that ACD had done for SCMOI since its inception, the Institute Director, Archpriest Peter Hill, represented SCMOI in the academic procession.

A large audience gathered to support a total of 87 new graduates.

Included among the students attending to receive their 'parchments' were three from SCMOI: Natalia Hubzenko, Alexei Feofiloff, and Daniel Hill (pictured below with Fr Peter)



Congratulations to all SCMOI 2022 graduates!

Certificate in Ministry Studies:

Priest Stephen David (ROCOR, Qld)

Priest David Gould (ROCOR, Tas)

Deacon Boris Metlenko (ROCOR, Vic)

Diploma of Ministry:

Priest Pavel Baksheev (ROCOR, Vic)

Alexei Feofiloff (ROCOR, NSW)

Natalia Hubzenko (ROCOR, SA)

Negos Ristevski (Macedonian, Vic)

Graduate Diploma in Ministry:

Daniel Hill (ROCOR, SA)

We look forward to most of our ACD graduates continuing in UD award programs in 2023.



Remembering Metropolitan Hilarion

On 16 May 2022, following a lengthy illness, His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion (Kapril), First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, reposed in the Lord.

To know Vladyka was to love him. He was a gift of God to the Russian Church, which he served

faithfully throughout his life. His influence was felt across the Orthodox world and touched many for their spiritual health and salvation.

His Eminence gave keen support to the establishment and ongoing development of SCMOI, and he was chairman of the Board of Directors from its establishment in 2018.

At its meeting in December 2022, the Board decided to name the Institute Library in his memory as the **METROPOLITAN HILARION RESEARCH LIBRARY**.

Vladyka was an avid reader and collected a large and impressive personal library at the episcopal residence in Croydon, NSW. Through the good offices of His Grace

Bishop George and Archpriest George Lapardin, the bulk of this library has been gifted to SCMOI.

It is hard to overstate the value of the collection. His Eminence collected a large range of patristic works and related scholarly monographs, many Russian titles from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and other volumes on every aspect of the Orthodox faith.

These additions to our current collection are a major step in fulfilling our goal of making the Institute library a central resource for Orthodox studies in Australasia.

With the gift comes also added responsibility. The costs of shipping, additional shelving, and ongoing cataloging and curation are considerable. Therefore, we ask that if you want to help SCMOI in its development and, in particular, would like to join with us in remembering Vladyka Hilarion, that you make a donation to support the Metropolitan Hilarion Research Library.

Donations

Help SCMOI build for the future with your donation. Your assistance for the **METROPOLITAN HILARION RESEARCH LIBRARY** will be greatly appreciated!

Donations may be made by **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** to:

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ACCOUNT No: 285363

If making an EFT please email us at SCMOI (admin@scmoi.edu.au) to advise the date and amount of the transfer.

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Theological education?

Learning more about the Faith?

Gaining skills for life?

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Currently taking enrolments for Semester 1, 2023 (Teaching commences 6 March 2023)

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