



# Talks in English

**Venue:** **Saint George Russian Orthodox Church**  
15 Garfield St Carlton NSW 2218

With the blessing of  
His Eminence Archbishop Hilarion of Sydney,  
Australia & New Zealand,  
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia,  
English talks by **Priestmonk Kosmas** have been scheduled for the  
first Tuesday of the following months.

**Dates:** **Tuesday 6 November 2007**

A talk entitled "**The Struggle of a Young Christian to Preserve her Virginity**" will be given at 7.30 pm in the hall at the rear of the Church.

*An obsessed young man pursues the holy virgin Justina to the point that he seeks out the help of a renowned sorcerer to satisfy his lustful desire...*

The Church considers virginity to be one of the highest virtues. Since the sexual and feminist revolution of the 1960s, however, the Church's teaching that sexual activity is blessed only within the Mystery of Marriage has been mocked and contradicted in every imaginable way in the health system, the educational system, television, radio, the Internet, and newspapers and magazines. This has left Orthodox Christians confused about this important topic.

What does the Church teach about virginity and sex? Why have Orthodox monastics voluntarily deprived themselves of something that God has permitted? Why, after fifty years of supposed freedom and progress in the area of sexuality in the West, do we still have a society with so many crimes and illnesses, both mental and physical? Some of these problems include: sexual hang-ups; pornography, especially on the Internet; the dramatic increase in sex crimes including paedophilia; sexually transmitted diseases; gender disorder; sexual identity crisis; etc. Orthodox Christians need and deserve to know the answer!

At **6.30pm**, the Service of the Small Supplicatory Canon to the Most Holy Theotokos (Paraklesis) will be sung in English using the Byzantine chant.

*After the talk, there will be coffee, tea and sweets for those who wish to stay. People are welcome to come to either the service or the talk or both. A bookstall of Orthodox books in English will also be available on the night.*

**Tuesday 4 December 2007**

Talk will be at 7.30pm - Topic to be announced

**Talks in 2008** will be on a monthly basis on Sunday evenings starting from February.

**For more information call:** (02) 9558 2207