

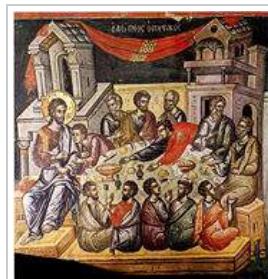
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ABOUT



The creation of "Mode of Life" was borne out of a desire amongst English-speaking Orthodox faithful within Australia (across all canonical jurisdictions) to access an online site with reliable, in-depth and qualitative resources. The information and research presented, is for those who are living a life in Christ, and are guided in their journey by a canonical spiritual father. It is hoped that in providing such material, the faithful will have their experience and insights into Orthodoxy deepened, grounded, challenged and hopefully transformed. For it is this weblog's contention that inner spiritual and ecclesial transformation is a prerequisite for being an active Christian, so that one may be able to answer Christ's call to being, the way, the light and example (Mt 5:13-16). Thus challenging commonly-held perceptions (and misconceptions) of Christianity, and provoking an alternative vision to human-made "wisdom".



Style is divine vision

As part of this diakonima (ministry) we seek:

- To proclaim the living Gospel of Jesus Christ in the contemporary world.
- To promote an integral Orthodox Christian world-view, based on the Holy Scriptures, Patristic doctrine and praxis, and the example of the lives of Christian Saints and figures, as the salvific and creative alternative to atheism and secularism with all their accompanying ideologies.

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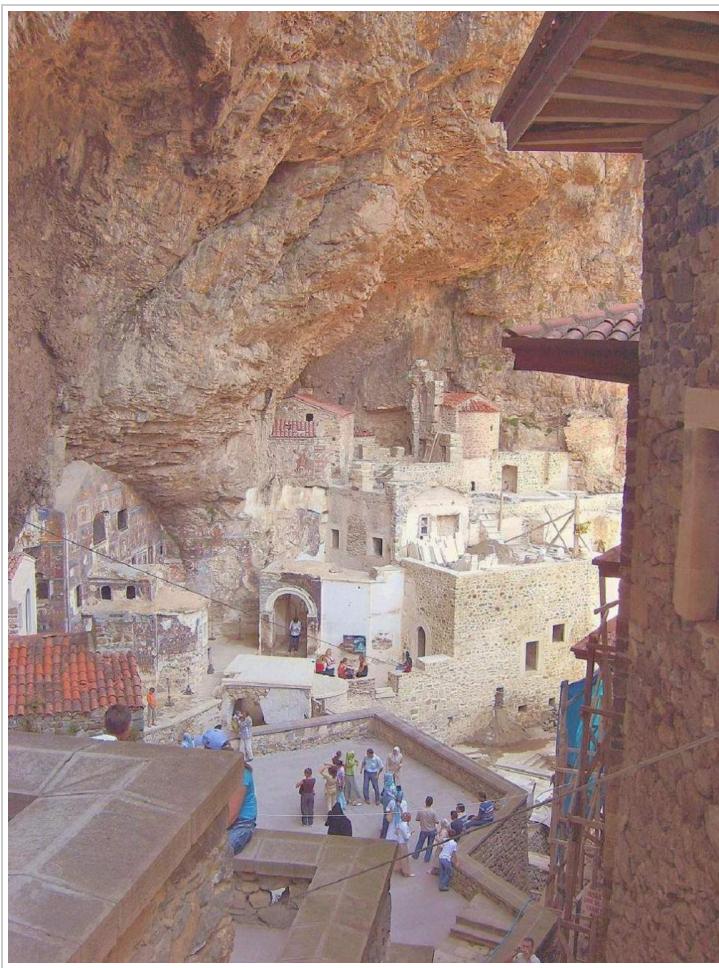
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- To provide a foundation for the restoration of a fully Christian way of life, based on discipleship, community and mystagogical (sacramental) initiation.
- To preserve the heritage of traditional Christian culture, which is inspired by, and founded upon the eucharistic, liturgical life of the Holy Church. An inheritance which historically has found expression within many diverse forms of music, dance, the arts, cuisine, literature and local folkloric customs.
- To defend the one Holy, Orthodox-Catholic and Apostolic Church, the Pillar and Ground of Truth, in an age of apostasy.



Consequently this aim is no easy task to achieve, but the pastoral need that is created by: ignorance, or inaccessibility to dependable material within this immense nation-continent of Australia, has necessitated our **non-funded, non-profit, and non-celebrity** effort to produce or gather together a wide range of articles and multimedia resources. Characteristically, this is an ongoing process which requires time, dedication, patience and continual self-correction or refinement. As such, we welcome any assistance in terms of article contributions, information about useful online sites or multimedia resources. Naturally, our particular focus is to draw upon the thoughts, reflections, writings and general contributions of Australian based Orthodox Christian luminaries and believers, but given the universal and holistic nature of Orthodoxy and the themes that we cover, we thus do not confine ourselves to our specific context. Subsequently, this site has provided numerous useful links to Orthodox and Non-Orthodox forums, websites, weblogs and resources, thus serving as a reliable directory.