The Dean and Chancellor of St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College
His Grace Bishop Dr Anba Suriel is delighted to welcome and host

HIS HOLINESS PATRIARCH IRINEJ
ARCHBISHOP OF PEC, METROPOLITAN OF BELGRADE-KARLOVCI AND SERBIA PATRIARCH

You are warmly invited to join the Academic Board, College Council, Faculty, Staff, Students and Clergy in attending a luncheon and guest lecture by His Holiness with the theme:

THEOLOGY AS A HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

ON TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2016

Details
Commencing with prayers and hymns at 9.30am in the Church and the official procession to welcome His Holiness at 10am and followed by introductions, presentations, the lecture and lunch in the Hall at St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College, 88-154 Park Road, DONVALE.

An Inter-Orthodox Partnership
This will be a unique opportunity for the Melbourne Coptic Orthodox community to celebrate our shared Orthodox faith and traditions with our Serbian Orthodox brothers and sisters in Christ. We look forward to gathering together as a gesture of good will, respectful dialogue and a deep desire for Christian unity and peace in the world.

About His Holiness
His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia was born in the Serbian village of Vidova in 1930. He studied at the Theological Seminary in Prizren, graduated at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology in Belgrade and was made Professor of the Prizren Theological Seminary. Before assuming the professorship he was tonsured by the Serbian Patriarch Herman and received the monastic name Irinej. His Holiness has served as Principal of the Monastic School in the Monastery of Ostrog; Principal of the Prizren Seminary; Bishop of Moravica; and Bishop of Nis. His Holiness was elected as Archbishop of Pec, Metropolitan of Belgrade-Karlovci and Serbian Patriarch in 2010, making him the 45th Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

RSVP Essential
Confirm attendance at patriarchatsac.eventbrite.com.au by Thursday 3 March.
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