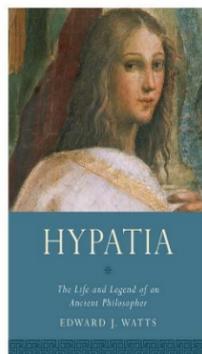


# SAVE THE *EVENTS* DATE

JOIN US AS WE GO BACK TO ANCIENT GREECE – THE TIME OF SOCRATES, PLATO AND ARISTOTLE!

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW



THE HELLENIC CULTURAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

EDWARD J. WATTS

PROFESSOR OF BYZANTINE GREEK HISTORY AT UCSD

AUTHOR OF

*HYPATIA*

THE LIFE AND LEGEND OF AN ANCIENT PHILOSOPHER

AFTER THE LECTURE ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO STAY FOR A DELICIOUS NO-HOST DINNER AT ATHENS MARKET CAFÉ

CARMEL MOUNTAIN PLAZA  
11640 CARMEL MOUNTAIN ROAD  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

on  
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017  
at  
ATHENS MARKET CAFÉ  
GUEST LECTURE STARTING AT  
3:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY  
AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

AS ONE OF ANTIQUITY'S BEST KNOWN FEMALE INTELLECTUALS, HYPATIA WAS A PHILOSOPHER, MATHEMATICIAN, AND ULTIMATELY A MARTYR. HER DEATH SYMBOLIZED THE END OF THE CLASSICAL WORLD AND SHE HAS BEEN REMEMBERED IN POEMS, PAINTINGS, FILM AND NOW THIS EXTRAORDINARY BOOK. COME LEARN ABOUT THE WOMAN BEFORE SHE BECAME A FIGURE OF HISTORY. HEAR ABOUT HER DEVOTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE, HER EFFORTS TO SPAN THE DIVIDE BETWEEN PAGANS AND CHRISTIANS AS WELL AS THE EVENTS LEADING TO HER TRAGIC MURDER.

Book Review

## Hypatia

The Life and Legend of an Ancient Philosopher

Edward J. Watts

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As many of you know, our own Professor Edward Watts studies the intellectual and religious history of the later Roman and early Byzantine Empires. He has authored three prize-winning books and is the editor of three edited volumes. This newest publication is his first of two upcoming works for Oxford University Press. By the time this edition of *The Triniaio* is delivered Professor Watts will have already delivered his lecture of this book to members of our Society. Especially for those unable to attend the lecture we recommend you consider purchasing a copy of the book as it provides a fascinating look into the Byzantine world during the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

The following review includes excerpts and reviews from the *Library Journal*, *Oxford Press* and the book itself.

Who is Hypatia? A philosopher, a mathematician, and a martyr. She is one of antiquity's best-known female intellectuals. For the sixteen centuries following her murder by a mob of Christians Hypatia has been remembered in books, poems, plays, paintings, and films as a victim of religious intolerance whose death symbolized the end of the Classical world. But Hypatia was a person before she was a symbol. Her great skill in mathematics and philosophy redefined the intellectual life of her home city of Alexandria. Her talent as a teacher enabled her to assemble a circle of dedicated male students. Her devotion to public service made her a force for peace and good government in a city that struggled to maintain trust and cooperation between pagans and Christians. Despite these successes, Hypatia fought countless small battles to live the public and intellectual life that she wanted. This book rediscovers the life Hypatia led, the unique challenges she faced as a woman who succeeded spectacularly in a man's world, and the tragic story of the events that led to her murder.

The book is the first full English-language scholarly treatment of Hypatia in over 25 years. It uncovers a number of previously unnoticed early modern sources and uses them to speak at length about Hypatia's modern legacy. The book depicts her as a subtle hero who pursued her teaching and public careers despite the gossip, scrutiny, and more subtle misogyny she persistently endured. Finally the author presents a new interpretation of events that depict her murder not as the result of a mob that set out to kill her but an unfortunate (and probably accidental) encounter.

## Upcoming Event!

Ancient Greek Symposium Dinner

In Honor of

## Denise Demetriou

Gerry & Jeannie Ranglas Chair in Ancient Greek History & Associate Professor

Department of History, University of California, San Diego

As our upcoming Ancient Greek Symposium Dinner honoring Professor Denise Demetriou approaches it might be a good idea to learn a few things about what a symposium was in ancient Greece. Many of us have a modern understanding of the concept where the term has come to mean an academic conference or meeting. This current day working definition is far removed from what this event was in antiquity. Simply stated, a Greek symposium was a key Hellenic social institution. It was a forum for men of respected lineage to debate, plot, boast, or simply revel with others. They were held to celebrate special occasions and were a source of pride.

As stated by Professor Demetriou, *"In ancient Greece, decadent dinner parties called symposia were exclusive events. Those invited attended these gatherings for the delicious food, scintillating conversations, and, of course, lots of good wine. The evening began with dinner and ended in revelry — with drinking games and rowdy songs — before the guests returned to their homes. Join us for a Greek symposium, where you can try your hand at some of the drinking games, taste food inspired by ancient Greek recipes, and learn more about these ancient banquets."*

On May 13<sup>th</sup> we will all have a unique opportunity to step back in time to ancient Greece where we will be able to attend such an event. Our symposiarch for the evening will lead us through the night as she explains what it was like to live during those times and to attend or host such an event. The event committee is working diligently with Professor Demetriou and the food service staff at UCSD to produce an evening worthy of Dionysos, god of wine. We hope that you make plans to attend this wonderful event.