

## Former Pentecostals Embrace Orthodoxy in Western Australia



The Parish of Saint Nektarios in Perth recently witnessed the entry into the Orthodox Faith of Panayiotis (Babith) and Anna (Abi). This married couple, coming from a Pentecostal background, were catechised by Father John Athanasiou, and after undergoing rigorous preparation were found to be ready to be baptised into the Orthodox Church.

The Sacrament of Baptism was presided over by His Grace Bishop Elpidios of Kyaneon who on behalf of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios, welcomed the couple into the church. The mystery of baptism was carefully explained by His Grace to the edification of all. At the conclusion of the ceremony all present were treated to excellent examples of Indian cuisine which allowed the newly illuminated couple to celebrate the cooking from their homeland.

Panayiotis and Anna have two young children, who were recently baptised into the Orthodox Church and were given the names of Vasilios and Ioanna.

The day after their baptism, the couple were then married at the Church of Saint

Nektarios. After the service all were treated to a Greek smorgasbord at the home of the Matron of Honour (Koumbara).

May God continue to bless the journey of this family into the Orthodox Faith.