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invite you to an illustrated lecture by

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Excavating and interpreting the Temple at Jebel Khalid on the Euphrates, North Syria

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY, AT 8.00PM

in the **Aegean Room at the Hellenic Club, Matilda Street Woden**

This talk will take you through the process of excavating the Temple and its precincts at the Hellenistic site of Jebel Khalid in North Syria and then of interpreting the implications of what has been uncovered.

Whilst the temple appears at first sight to be unremarkably Hellenistic in style, with a Doric porch on its West and East fronts, when examined in detail it shows many very individual features both in construction and in layout. And this individuality is also reflected in the associated sculptural remains recovered in the course of the excavation. What does this tell us about the composition of the community which designed, constructed and worshipped at this Temple?

This Temple, despite its individual features, is a major first for the region-- the first Greek-style Temple discovered anywhere in the inland Levant for the whole of the 250 years of the Seleucid period.

Professor Clarke has degrees from Auckland and Oxford Universities and the University of Melbourne, and has held previous appointments at the ANU, the University of Western Australia, and Monash University. He is Director of the excavation at Jebel Khalid in North Syria and editor of the 'Jebel Khalid Reports', the first two volumes of which have been published; the third is in press.

All welcome!

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