# Faith and Learning Catechism Program

## Introduction to Orthodox Christianity

**Winter/Spring 2020**

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**Texts:** *Introducing the Orthodox Church* by Anthony Coniaris (1982); *The Orthodox Church* by Kallistos Ware (5th ed., 2015); *The Orthodox Way* by Ware (rev. ed., 1995); *Welcome to the Orthodox Church: An Introduction to Eastern Christianity* by Frederica Mathewes-Green (2nd printing, 2016); *Becoming Orthodox* by Peter Gilquist (3rd ed., 2009); *The Faith* by Clark Carlton.

**Cost of Class:** FREE (Sponsored by Saints Peter & Paul Church)

**Location:** Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025, 847-729-2235

**Register Online:** [www.ssppglenview.org](http://www.ssppglenview.org) OR [https://tinyurl.com/y3uaqw7p](https://tinyurl.com/y3uaqw7p)

(optimizer) (if you are not able to register online, you may fill out the form below and email to Fr. Rick above)

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**ARE YOU ORTHODOX:** YES NO (circle one)

**IF NO, WHAT RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:**

**WHAT BEST DESCRIBES WHY YOU ARE ATTENDING THIS CLASS:**

1. Just interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith.
2. Seeking to prepare to join the Orthodox Christian Faith.
3. Not sure yet.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** FREE

**PREFERRED BOOK:** __________________

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Instructors

**Rev. Dr. Richard Demetrius Andrews** is a pastor/priest of Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Christian Church in Glenview, IL (since 2019). He is a graduate of Argosy University (Doctor of Marriage & Family Therapy, 2019) in Eagan, MN, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Master of Divinity 1994) in Boston, MA and the University of Minnesota (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Marketing 1988) in Minneapolis, MN. He was recently appointed Vicar for Clergy Care in the Metropolis of Chicago and is co-chair of the Clergy Wellness Task Force. Fr. Rick previously served St. George GOC in St Paul, MN (1999-2019), St. Paul Police Department volunteer chaplain (2006-2019), Dormition GOC in Racine, WI (1997-99), and Holy Apostles GOC in Chicago, IL (1995-97). He is married to Presvytera Jane and has one adult son who lives in California.

**Rev. Dr. Deacon Perry Hamalis**
Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis is a married deacon and is the Cecelia Schneller Mueller Professor of Religion at North Central College (Naperville, IL). He earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Boston College, an M.Div. from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and a Ph.D. in Religious Ethics from the University of Chicago. At North Central College, he teaches courses in Christian Ethics, Philosophical Ethics, Religion and Politics, and related topics. He, Diakonissa Pat, and their children (Michael & Gia) are members of Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester, IL.

**Dr. Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos** is a lifelong member of Saints Peter & Paul Church. She received a Master Degree in Theological Studies from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (1981), and both an M.A. in Theology (1978) and a Ph.D. in Theology (1995) from the University of Chicago Divinity School. She is currently adjunct professor of theology at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology in Libertyville, IL. She also is a Lecturer (in the Department of Spiritual Theology) at the University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary (Roman Catholic) in Mundelein IL, lectures at Orthodox and ecumenical religious conferences, and was an adjunct faculty at Loyola University Chicago, and Seabury-Western (Episcopal) Theological Seminary. Areas of focus in her work are: Orthodox doctrine and theology, the study of the Church Fathers, and Christian spirituality. She and her husband Evan are parents of three, and grandparents of two.

**Presvytera Anna Kallis** is a youth and young adult ministry professional with many years of experience developing and running various programs for the Orthodox Church. Currently, she is the Project Director of TelosGamma, an initiative developing young adult ministry in the Chicago Metropolis. She also works part-time as a curriculum developer for Faithtree Resources. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from Holy Cross School of Theology in 2013, emphasizing Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Additionally, Pres. Anna worked for the CrossRoad Summer Institute for five years in the roles of Assistant Director and Director, has developed and led countless retreats and workshops, and is very active in the youth ministries at Saints Peter & Paul in Glenview, IL.

**Rev. Fr. Kosmas Kallis**
Born in Livonia, Michigan, Fr. Kosmas was shaped by the Church. He earned a BA in Religious Studies from Hellenic College in 2012 and an MDiv (with High Distinction) from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 2014. Soon after graduation, Fr. Kosmas joined the Saints Peter and Paul Parish as a full-time youth director, a position he held until Fall of 2018 when he was appointed as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Metropolis of Chicago. He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in October of 2015 and to the Holy Priesthood in March of 2016. Fr. Kosmas is married to Anna Kallis, and together, they have their first child, Jonah.
Reading Assignments

**Introduction**
Coniaris, pp.1-12, 85-90, 171-182
Ware – Way, pp.7-10 (Signposts on the Way), 11-26 (God as Mystery)
Ware-Church, pp. 189-193, 239-248
Carlton, Intro, pp.13-52
Mathewes-Green, see intro

**God- Holy Trinity**
Coniaris, pp.23-32
Ware – Way, pp. 27-42 (God as Trinity)
Ware-Church, pp.202-211
Carlton, pp.53-64
Mathewes-Green, pp.38-46

**Mankind- Creation, the Fall, Messiah**
Ware – Way, pp.43-66 (God as Creator)
Ware-Church, pp.212-218
Carlton, pp.65-78, 79-90, 91-102
Mathewes-Green, pp.137-146

**Christ I- Incarnation, Theotokos & Saints**
Coniaris, pp.17-22, 91-104
Ware – Way, pp.67-88 (God as Man)
Ware-Church, pp. 218-222, 247-253
Carlton, pp. 103-114, 115-126
Mathewes-Green, pp.3-10,21-37,68-84,112-124

**Christ II- His Work & Teachings**
Coniaris, pp.17-23
Ware-Church, pp.225-229
Carlton, pp. 127-138, 139-150
Mathewes-Green, pp.85-97, 147-156

**Church I- Birth, Mission, Structure**
Coniaris, pp.1-12
Ware-Way, pp.89-104 (God as Spirit)
Ware-Church, pp.11-16, 41-67, 70-83, 213-214, 283-286
Carlton, pp. 153-164, 165-178
Mathewes-Green, pp.3-10,11-20,125-136

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Coniaris, pp.13-17, 57-70, 149-170
Ware-Church, pp.17-40, 195-201
Carlton, pp.165-178
Mathewes-Green, pp.38-46, pp.98-112

**Sacraments I- Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Unction**
Coniaris, pp.123-148
Ware-Church, pp.267-272, 281-283, 289-290
Carlton, pp. 179-190, 191-202
Mathewes-Green, pp.157-173,174-190,288-306

**Sacraments II- Eucharist, Liturgy, Worship, Prayer**
Coniaris, pp.33-46, 71-84, 134-138, 189-208
Ware-Church, pp.257-266, 273-280, 291-299
Carlton, pp. 203-214, 215-226
Mathewes-Green, pp.137-270, 271-282

**Sacraments III- Marriage & Monasticism**
Coniaris, pp.138-141
Ware-Church, pp.287-289
Carlton, pp.227-238, 239-250
Mathewes-Green, pp.307-318

**The Goal- Second Coming & Living the Christian Life**
Ware-Way, pp.105-138 (God as Prayer; God as Eternity)
Ware-Church: 225-231 (Partakers of Divine Nature), 253-256 (The Last Things), Carlton: pp.251-262, 263-277
Mathewes-Green: pp.330-345

**Conclusion- Orthodoxy in America, Jurisdictions, Q&A**
Ware-Church: pp. 84-98 (Islam), 99-121
(Russia), 122-139 (Greeks & Arabs), 140-166
(Athiests), 167-188 (Diaspora & Mission), 300-319 (Reunion of Christians)
Mathewes-Green: n/a