



SAINTS PETER & PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

FAITH AND LEARNING CATECHISM PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

FALL 2020

Tuesdays 7:00-9:00PM

DATE	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR
September 15	Introduction	Fr. Richard Andrews
September 22	God- Holy Trinity	Dcn. Perry Hamalis
September 29	Mankind- Creation, the Fall, Messiah	Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos
October 6	Christ I- Incarnation, Theotokos & Saints	*Pres. Anna Kallis
October 13	Christ II- His Work & Teachings	Fr. Richard Andrews
October 20	Church I- Birth, Mission, Structure	Pres. Anna Kallis
October 27	Church II- Councils, Creeds, Bible, Tradition	Fr. Athanasios Minetos
November 3	Sacraments I- Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Unction	*Fr. Kosmas Kallis
November 10	Sacraments II- Eucharist, Liturgy, Worship, Prayer	Miss Angela Tsarouhis
November 17	Sacraments III- Marriage & Monasticism	Fr. Richard Andrews
November 24	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING WEEK HOLIDAY	---
December 1	The Goal- Second Coming & Living the Christian Life	Fr. Richard Andrews
December 8	Conclusion- Orthodoxy in America, Jurisdictions, Q&A	Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos

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. Texts can be obtained in church bookstore, Amazon.com or other supplier.

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, www.ssppglenview.org

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
ARE YOU ORTHODOX: YES NO (circle one)
IF NO, WHAT RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: _____
PARISH: _____
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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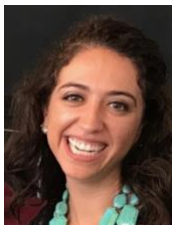
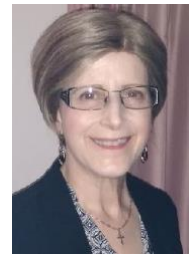
INSTRUCTORS

Fr. Richard 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. Fr. Rick previously served St. George GOC in St Paul, MN (1999-2019), St. Paul Police Department volunteer chaplain (2006-2019), He is married to Presvytera Jane and has one adult son who lives in California.



Rev. Dr. Deacon 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 was a Lecturer (in the Department of Spiritual Theology) at the University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary (Roman Catholic) in Mundelein IL. 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 was born in Livonia, Michigan, Fr. Kosmas. 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.



Angela Tsarouhis is a native of the Chicago area and a 2020 graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Masters of Divinity with High Distinction). Angela received a Bachelor Degree in Psychology with a Certificate in Early Christian Studies from Wheaton College in 2017. She is currently the full-time Youth Director at Sts. Peter & Paul Church and worked for Crossroad Summer Institute since 2017. Her interests lie at the intersection of faith education and spiritual formation. Angela enjoys art, being outside, and is working on a Certificate in Byzantine Chant from Holy Cross.

Fr. Athanasios Minetos was born in Evanston, IL. He received a BA in Religious Studies from Hellenic College and a MDiv from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. It was there he met his wife, Presvytera Nicole. After graduation in 2012, Fr. Athansios served as the chanter and pastoral assistant at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Manhattan, NY. In June of 2016 he was assigned to serve as the associate Priest at St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago where he was ordained. In December 2019 he was assigned as the associate Priest at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines, IL.





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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

Church II- Councils, Creeds, Bible, Tradition

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

Coniaris, pp.47-56, 183-187, 105-122, 209-214.
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