

SAINTS PETER & PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

FAITH AND LEARNING CATECHISM PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

WINTER/SPRING 2022

Mondays 7:00-9:00PM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
January 17	Introduction	Fr. Richard Andrews
January 24	God- Holy Trinity	Fr. Kosmas Kallis
January 31	Mankind- Creation, the Fall, Messiah	Fr. Paul Borislav Dinkov
February 7	Christ I- Incarnation, Theotokos & Saints	Miss Angela Tsarouhis
February 14	Christ II- His Work & Teachings	Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos
February 21	Church I- Birth, Mission, Structure	Fr. Athanasios Minetos
February 28	Church II- Councils, Creeds, Bible, Tradition	Fr. Sotirios Malamis
*March 7	NO CLASS – CLEAN/PURE MONDAY – 1 ST DAY OF GREAT LENT	
March 14	Sacraments I- Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Unction	Pres. Anna Kallis
March 21	Sacraments II- Eucharist, Liturgy, Worship, Prayer	Miss Angela Tsarouhis
March 28	Sacraments III- Marriage & Monasticism	Fr. Paul Borislav Dinkov
April 4	The Goal- Second Coming & Living the Christian Life	Fr. Richard Andrews
April 11	Conclusion- Orthodoxy in America, Jurisdictions, Q&A	Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos
April 18	GREAT & HOLY MONDAY	
April 24	GREAT & HOLY PASCHA	

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.sppglenview.org OR <https://tinyurl.com/y3uaqw7p>

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____

PARISH: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ARE YOU ORTHODOX: YES NO (circle one)

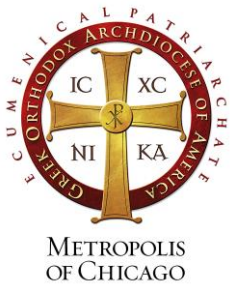
IF NO, WHAT RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: _____

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

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.



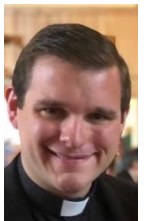
Fr Paul Borislav Dinkov is the associate pastor of Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church and a graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Master of Divinity 2016) and the State University of New York in Albany (Bachelor of Computer Science 2011). Fr. Paul previously worked for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago (administrative assistant), Annunciation Church in Milwaukee WI (admin asst & youth director) and St Nectarios Church in Palantine IL (youth director). Fr. Paul is married to Presvytera Lorice and they have one son Philip. He enjoys the outdoors, a game of chess and a cup of nettle tea.

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, as associate Priest at St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago (2016-2019) where he was ordained, since December 2019 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
(Atheists), 167-188 (Diaspora & Mission), 300-
319 (Reunion of Christians)
Mathewes-Green: n/a