



## SAINTS PETER & PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

### **FAITH AND LEARNING CATECHISM PROGRAM**

#### INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

**FALL 2022**

**Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 PM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
September 13	Introduction	Fr. Richard Andrews
September 20	NO CLASS	
September 27	God-Holy Trinity	Fr. Kosmas Kallis
October 4	Mankind- Creation, the Fall, Messiah	Fr. Paul Borislav Dinkov
October 11	Christ I- Incarnation, Theotokos & Saints	Miss Angela Tsarouhis
October 18	Christ II- His Work & Teachings	Fr. Tilemahos Alikakos
October 25	Church I- Birth, Mission, Structure	Pres. Anna Kallis
November 1	Church II- Councils, Creeds, Bible, Tradition	Fr. Sotirios Malamis
November 8	Sacraments I- Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Unction	Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos
November 15	Sacraments II- Eucharist, Liturgy, Worship, Prayer	Miss Angela Tsarouhis
November 22	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING WEEK HOLIDAY	
November 29	Sacraments III- Marriage & Monasticism	Fr. Paul Borislav Dinkov
December 6	The Goal- Second Coming & Living the Christian Life	Fr. Richard Andrews
December 13	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 (5<sup>th</sup> ed., 2015); *The Orthodox Way* by Ware (rev. ed., 1995); *Welcome to the Orthodox Church: An Introduction to Eastern Christianity* by Frederica Mathewes-Green (2<sup>nd</sup> printing, 2016); *Becoming Orthodox* by Peter Gilquist (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2009); *The Faith* by Clark Carlton. Texts can be obtained in church bookstore, Amazon.com or another 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.sppglenview.org](http://www.sppglenview.org)

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ARE YOU ORTHODOX: YES NO (circle one)

IF NO, WHAT RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Church in Glenview, IL (since 2019). He is a graduate of Argosy University (Doctor of Marriage & Family Therapy, 2019), 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). 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 Palatine, 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.



**Anna Kallis** is a youth and young adult ministry professional with many years of experience developing and running various programs in the Orthodox Church. Currently, she is the Project Director of TelosGamma, an initiative developing young adult ministry in the Chicago Metropolis. She is also the Assistant Director of Lighthouse, a camping ministry of the Chicago Metropolis. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from Holy Cross School of Theology in 2013, emphasizing Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Additionally, 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 a Master of Divinity 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 they have two children Jonah and Mara.



**Angela Tsarouhis** is a native of the Chicago area and a 2020 graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Master of Divinity degree 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 Saints Peter & Paul Church (since 2020) and worked for Crossroad Summer Institute (2017-2019). 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. Sotirios Malamis** is the Parish Priest at Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church in Lincolnshire, IL since 2014. He is a graduate of DePaul University Chicago (Bachelor of Arts Psychology) and Holy Cross School of Theology Boston (Master of Divinity with Distinction 2001). He continued his theological studies at the University of Athens in the field of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education. He currently serves on the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Council and served on the Metropolis of Chicago Council. Fr. Sotirios and Presvytera Stefanie have three children, Maria, Niko, and Aimilianos.



**Fr. Tilemahos Alikakos** was born in Melrose Park, IL. He received a BA in Mathematics & Statistics Summa Cum Laude from Loyola University (1994) and a MDiv with High Distinction from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (1997). He currently serves St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles (since 2021) and previously served St. Spyridon Church in Palos Heights IL (2004-2021), Holy Trinity Church in Sioux City Iowa (2001-2004), and Assumption Church in Chicago (1999-2001).



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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  
Gilquist, pp.97-110.

#### **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



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**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.



**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, Chicago (2016-2019) where he was ordained, and St. John's Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines, IL (2019 – 2021). Currently he is proistamenos of St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago (since September 2021).

**Fr. Constantine (Dean) Botsis** was born in Holland, Michigan. He received his BA (1971) and MDiv (1973) from Hellenic College & Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston MA. In 1982, Fr. Dean was ordained to the priesthood and assigned to St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles, IL. He previously served as Registrar of the Chicago Metropolis (1979-1986), and Youth Director for the Diocese of Detroit (1977-1979), St Nicholas in Northridge CA and Annunciation Church in Akron OH (1974-1976). He is married to Presvytera Georgia (nee Merros) since 1980 and they have three adult children.