



Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church

FAITH AND LEARNING CATECHISM PROGRAM INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

WINTER/SPRING 2023

Mondays 7:00-9:00PM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
January 9	Introduction	Fr. Richard Andrews
*January 16	NO CLASS - Martin Luther King Holiday	n/a
January 23	God- Holy Trinity	Fr. Sotirios Malamis
January 30	Mankind- Creation, the Fall, Messiah	Miss Angela Tsarouhis
February 6	Christ I- Incarnation, Theotokos & Saints	Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos
February 13	Christ II- His Work & Teachings	Fr. Tilemahos Alikakos
February 20	Church I- Birth, Mission, Structure	Mr. John Anton
*February 27	NO CLASS – CLEAN/PURE MONDAY – 1 ST DAY OF GREAT LENT	
March 6	Church II- Councils, Creeds, Bible, Tradition	Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos
March 13	Sacraments I- Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Unction	Fr. Kosmas Kallis
March 20	Sacraments II- Eucharist, Liturgy, Worship, Prayer	Fr. Thomas Alitzakis
March 27	Sacraments III- Marriage & Monasticism	Fr. Dean Botsis
April 3	The Goal- Second Coming & Living the Christian Life	Fr. Richard Andrews
April 10	NO CLASS - GREAT & HOLY MONDAY	n/a
April 17	NO CLASS - BRIGHT/RENEWAL WEEK	n/a
April 24	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.

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

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NAME: _____
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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: _____

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), 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 Church 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 and daughter-in-law.



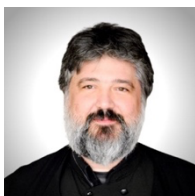
Fr. Sotirios Malamis is the Parish Priest at Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church in Lincolnshire, IL since 2014. He is a graduate of DePaul University Chicago (Bachelor of Arts Psychology) and Holy Cross School of Theology Boston (Master of Divinity with Distinction 2001). He continued his theological 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.

Angela Tsarouhis is a native of the Chicago area and earned an MDiv with high distinction (2020) from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and a Bachelor Degree in Psychology with a Certificate in Early Christian Studies from Wheaton College (2017). She is currently the full-time Youth Director at Saints 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. She is newly married (1-15-2023) to Brayden Schott.



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.

Rev. Fr. Kosmas Kallis was born in Livonia, Michigan, Fr. Kosmas. He earned a BA in Religious Studies (2012) from Hellenic College and an MDiv (2014) with High Distinction from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Fr. Kosmas was the full-time youth director and associate priest at Saints Peter and Paul Parish (2014-2018). He is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Metropolis of Chicago (since 2018). 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 two children, Jonah and Mara.



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). He is married to Presvytera Georgia and they have three children.

John L. Anton is the Pastoral Assistant at Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church (Lincolnshire, IL). He earned a BA in Religious Studies from Hellenic College (2018) and a MDiv Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, He also earned a Certificate in Byzantine Music while at HCHC. John has served the Chicago Metropolis and numerous parishes including chanting and teaching Byzantine Music, coordinating Youth and Young Adult events like the YAL Chicago Conference; and Staff Director at the Fanari Camp Ministries.



Fr. Thomas Alatzakis is parish priest of St. Demetrios Church in Libertyville, IL. He earned a BA in Religious Studies (2007) from Hellenic College and an MDiv (2011) from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He was ordained to the diaconate in February 2012 and the priesthood in June 2012. Before moving back to Chicagoland, he served the communities of St Mary's in Minneapolis, MN (2012-2014) and Assumption in East Moline, IL (2014-2020). Fr. Thomas is married to Presvytera Angela and has a 4 year old son.

Fr. Dean Botsis has served 40 years (since 1982) as the priest of Holy Taxiarchai and Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church. He earned a Bachelor of Arts (1971) from Hellenic College and an MDiv (1973) from Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, MA. He helped organize and found the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association (OCCA) of Greater Chicago (1980), serving as president and secretary for many years. He also helped found Orthodox Christian SYNERGY (1990) and served as the spiritual advisor of the Diocese of Chicago Young Adult League (1986 to 1993). Fr Dean is married to Presvytera Georgia and they have three adult children.



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