

ORTHODOXY IOI: CURRICULUM AND CONTENT

CLASSES MEET ON TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

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Session 1. Sept 15th : Introduction to Orthodoxy

What is a Church?

- 1) The institution of the Eucharist
- 2) The Body of Christ
- 3) The Temple of the Holy Spirit

The New Heavens and the New Earth

- 1) Life after Life after Death
- 2) What is Salvation?

Session 2. Sept. 22nd : Saints, Church Fathers and Mothers, Martyrs, Prophets, and the Holy Tradition

Perfected in Christ: What is a Saint?

- 1) What are the titles and what do they mean?
- 2) Your baptismal Saint

Tradition vs. tradition

- 1) Why ecumenical councils?
- 2) What makes a Tradition vs. tradition?
- 3) The Creed

Session 3. Sept. 29th : Scripture

Who wrote the bible?

- 1) Hebrew and Greek
- 2) Authorship and theology of Authorship
- 3) Anatomy of Scripture
- 4) Theology of reading Scripture
- 5) Translations
- 6) Tradition of Scripture

Session 4. Oct. 6th : Iconography and Architecture

Symbol vs. Icon

- 1) History of Orthodox Architecture
- 2) Agia Sophia

Iconography: Idol or Image?

- 1) Iconoclasm: theology of Icons
- 2) History of styles
- 3) Examination of the Baptism, Resurrection
- 4) Examination of Holy Trinity Iconography

Session 5 Oct. 13th : Sacred Hymns and Music in Orthodoxy

The Role of Music in Liturgy

Musical Tradition of Orthodoxy

- 1) The 8 keys or “Modes”
- 2) From Chanters to organs
- 3) You Saint’s Apolytikion and Kontakion

Session 6 Oct. 20th : Prayer and Fasting

What is prayer?

Scriptural Accounts of Fasting

- 1) Genesis
- 2) Christ in the Desert

Lent and the Fasting periods of the Church

Fasting and Prayer in Monasticism

Session 7 Oct. 27th : The Eucharist

The Kingdom of God: lifted up into heaven

- 1) The Divine Reality of the Eucharist
- 2) Liturgy of the Word
- 3) Liturgy of the Gifts

Institution

- 1) The ancient rites of the Liturgy
- 2) Agia Sophia and Liturgy

Session 8 Nov. 10th : Baptism and Chrismation

Scriptural Foundation- Baptism

Descending of Grace- Chrismation

Infant Baptism

How is Chrism made?

Session 9 Nov. 17th : Confession and repentance

History of Confession

Excommunication

Repentance... the bad news...

Session 10 Dec 1st : Marriage and ordination

In the Garden of Eden

The Royal Priesthood

Ordination, “horizontal” or “vertical”?