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## INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

**FALL 2017**

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
September 12	Introduction	Fr. Richard Andrews
September 19	God- Holy Trinity	Fr. Thomas Begley
September 26	Mankind- Creation, the Fall, Messiah	Fr. Thaddeus Wojcik
October 3	Christ I- Incarnation, Theotokos & Saints	Fr. Paul Hodge
October 10	Christ II- His Work & Teachings	Fr. Jason Houck
October 17	Church I- Birth, Mission, Structure	Dcn. Jason Ketz
October 24	Church II- Councils, Creeds, Bible, Tradition	Fr. Thaddeus Wojcik
October 31	Sacraments I- Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Unction	Fr. George Dokos
November 7	Sacraments II- Eucharist, Liturgy, Worship, Prayer	Fr. Jonathan Proctor
November 14	Sacraments III- Marriage & Monasticism	Fr. Andrew Morbey
November 21	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING WEEK HOLIDAY	---
November 28	The Goal- Second Coming & Living the Christian Life	Fr. Richard Andrews
December 5	Conclusion- Orthodoxy in America, Jurisdictions, Q&A	Fr. Andrew Morbey

**Texts:** *Introducing the Orthodox Church* by Anthony Coniaris, *The Orthodox Church* by Kallistos Ware, *The Orthodox Way* by Ware, *The Faith* by Clark Carlton.

**Cost:** FREE (Sponsored by Clergy Association)

**Location:** St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, 651-222-6220,  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Instructors**

**Fr. Richard Andrews** is pastor/priest of St. George Greek Orthodox Christian Church in St. Paul, MN (since 1999) and a volunteer chaplain with the St. Paul Police Department (since 2006). He is a graduate of University of Minnesota (Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration & Marketing 1988) Minneapolis, MN and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Masters of Divinity 1994) Boston, MA. He is Doctoral candidate (Marriage & Family Therapy) at Argosy University. Fr. Rick previously served Holy Apostles GOC in Chicago, IL (1995-97) and Dormition GOC in Racine, WI (1997-99).

**Fr. Thomas Begley** is priest/pastor of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in West St. Paul, MN and Dean of the Upper Midwest Deanery of the Diocese of Toledo, of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese. He is a graduate of Hope College in Holland, MI, (BA 1974) and Oral Roberts Seminary, (M.Div. 1984). He attended St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, Crestwood, NY (1983-84).

**Fr. George Dokos** is pastor/priest of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis (since 2014). He has a Bachelor's of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Minnesota (1995), a Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (1999) and a PhD from the University of Thessaloniki (2010). He is married to Presvytera Christa and they have four children. Fr. George was ordained to Holy Diaconate (12-9-2001) and Holy Priesthood (4-28-2002) by Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver. He served Holy Trinity GOC in Dallas, TX (2001-04), Transfiguration GOC in Sioux Falls, SD (2007-08), and Sts. Peter & Paul GOC in Boulder, CO (2008-14).

**Fr. Paul Hodge** is an Archpriest of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America. He is attached to St. George Orthodox Church in West St. Paul, MN (since 2011) and has served as President of the Minnesota Eastern Orthodox Christian Clergy Association since 2012. He holds degrees in Russian Language and Literature (B.A. Carleton College, Northfield, MN 1988), Soviet/Russian Studies (Master of International Affairs, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 1990), and Master of Divinity (St. Vladimir Seminary, Crestwood, NY 1993). Fr. Paul has served St. Thomas parish in Sioux City, IA (2006-2011), St. George parish in Kearney, NE (2000-2006), St. George Cathedral in Wichita, KS (1997-2000); St. Nicholas parish in Bridgeport, CT (1996-1997), and St. Elias parish in La Crosse, WI (1995-1996 as interim). He is married to Presvytera Amy and they have two children, Elias and Faith.

**Fr. Jason Houck** serves as the Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church (since Feb.2015). He graduated from the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) with Bachelor's Degree in Finance (1999). He is a graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Masters of Divinity with highest distinction 2005), He served a youth director at St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, NC (2005-2007). He earned a Masters of Theology (Th.M) in Biblical Studies and New Testament at Boston College (2012). After ordination to the priesthood, he served Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, of Washington, D.C. (2012 – 2015). He and his wife, Alexandra (also a Holy Cross graduate, 2007) have three children: Paul, Lydia and Silas.

**Deacon Jason Ketz** serves at St Mary's Orthodox Cathedral (OCA) in Northeast Minneapolis. He holds a B.S. in Microbiology from Arizona State University (2003), a Master of Divinity from St. Vladimir's Seminary (2012), and a Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Minnesota (2017). A long-time resident of Fridley, MN, Dcn Jason is currently employed as a Supply Chain Quality Engineer and Lead Auditor at a local medical device company.

**Fr Andrew Morbey** is Dean of St Mary's Orthodox Cathedral in northeast Minneapolis. His degrees are in English (BA, MA, and PhD course work; Carleton University and University of Ottawa) and Theology (M.Div, ThM, and PhD course work; St Vladimir's Seminary, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and at the University of Birmingham, UK). He taught various subjects in Theology at the University of St Paul in Ottawa, Canada 1998 - 2003 prior to moving to Minneapolis.

**Fr. Jonathan Proctor** has been priest/pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Church in Saint Paul since 1990. He grew up in Johannesburg, South Africa. He was baptized as an adult, and spent three years living in Athens, Greece, where he taught English. He is a graduate of the University of the Witwatersrand (BA) and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary (M.Div 1990), New York, NY, and studied theology at the University of Athens, Greece. His wife Vera grew up in a Serbian priest family in Chicago, and they have two children.

**Fr. Thaddeus Wojcik** is a retired priest who is attached to Holy Trinity OCA Church in St. Paul. He also serves at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Cornucopia, WI. He is Dean Emeritus of the Minneapolis Deanery in the Midwest Diocese of the Orthodox Church of America. Currently, an Adjunct Professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, MN (since 2005). He is a graduate of University of Minnesota (BA, 1964) and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary (M.Div. 1968).