



St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church

Wednesday Education Night at 6:30 pm

2023 Curriculum: *Orthodox Christians: Who Are We?*

September 27: “What is Israel?”: A Search for Meaning in Biblical Times and Today

A discussion of the biblical understanding of Israel and its unique relationship with God. This lesson provides an overview of the Old & New Testaments and how they relate to one another. We conclude with the Church’s understanding of the biblical Israel today.

October 4: “Our Rational Worship”: The Anaphora in the Divine Liturgy

The Anaphora is the central/core part of each Divine Liturgy. We briefly study the anaphora of St John Chrysostom and that of St Basil the Great, emphasizing the depth of the prayers offered by the community and the act of “remembrance” that is central to biblical worship.

October 18: An Oral History of St Mary/Wichita, KS

Led by our own church historian, Eric Namee, we hear about the founding of our local community, as well as many stories about the saints and sinners who continued to witness to the Orthodox faith here in our local community.

November 1: “Are We ‘Saved?’”: Salvation and the Saints

Our neighbors and friends may ask us: “Are you saved?” How would we answer? “I heard you worship the saints?” What is our response? This session covers the Orthodox understanding of salvation and the veneration of the saints, helping us answer these basic questions.