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**INTRO TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY**  
*CATECHISM COURSE*

**Fall 2024**

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

**DATE**

September 10  
September 17  
September 24  
October 01  
October 08  
October 15  
October 22  
October 29  
November 05  
November 12  
November 19  
November 26

**CLASS**

Introduction  
God - Holy Trinity  
Mankind - Creation, the Fall, Messiah  
Christ I - Incarnation, Theotokos, Saints  
Christ II - His Work & Teachings  
Church I - Birth, Mission, Structure  
Church II - Tradition, Bible, Creeds, Councils  
Sacraments I - Baptism, Chrismation, Confession  
Sacraments II - Eucharist, Unction (Liturgy, Worship, Prayer)  
Sacraments III - Marriage, Ordination, (& Monasticism)  
The Goal - Second Coming & Living the Christian Life  
Orthodoxy in America, Jurisdictions, Missions

**Suggested Books:** *Introducing the Orthodox Church* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris; *The Orthodox Church* by Bishop Kallistos Ware; *The Orthodox Way* by Bishop Kallistos Ware; *Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy: Finding the Way to Christ in a Complicated Religious Landscape* by Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick

**Registration:** Free      **Location:** St. George GOC (1111 Summit Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105) or online via Zoom

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Register Online at <https://forms.gle/bgtnThRqQP6CWGnX8>

**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF RESIDENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE OF RESIDENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you an Orthodox Christian?** YES    NO    (circle one)

**What is your home parish?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not, what is your faith background?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What best describes why you are attending this course?** (circle one)

1. Not sure yet.
2. Interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian Faith.
3. Interested in converting to Orthodox Christianity.
4. Formal catechumen preparing to convert to Orthodox Christianity.

**Please return to** Attn: Fr. Perry, St. George GOC, 1111 Summit Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105 or email it as an attachment to [info@stgeorgegoc.org](mailto:info@stgeorgegoc.org).

*\*Zoom links will be emailed before the course begins.*

## **Recommended Readings**

### **1. 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

### **2. God - Holy Trinity**

Coniaris, pp.23-32  
Ware – Way, pp. 27-42 (God as Trinity)  
Ware-Church, pp.202-211

### **3. Mankind - Creation, the Fall, Messiah**

Ware – Way, pp.43-66 (God as Creator)  
Ware-Church, pp.212-218

### **4. 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

### **5. Christ II - His Work & Teachings**

Coniaris, pp.17-23  
Ware-Church, pp.225-229

### **6. 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

### **7. Church II- Tradition, Bible, Creeds, Councils**

Coniaris, pp.13-17, 57-70, 149-170  
Ware-Church, pp.17-40, 195-201

### **8. Sacraments I - Baptism, Chrismation, Confession**

Coniaris, pp.123-148  
Ware-Church, pp.267-272, 281-283, 289-290

### **9. Sacraments II - Eucharist, Unction (Liturgy, Worship, Prayer)**

Coniaris, pp.33-46, 71-84, 134-138, 189-208  
Ware-Church, pp. 257-266, 273-280, 291-299

### **10. Sacraments III - Marriage, Ordination, (& Monasticism)**

Gospel of John 2:1-11  
Letter to the Ephesians 5:20-33  
Ware-Church, pp. 287-289

### **11. 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),

### **12. Orthodoxy in America, Jurisdictions, & Missions**

*\*Recommended readings for further study. The readings are not required to participate in classes.*