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

**Winter 2025 Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	
January 13	Introduction	Fr. Perry Kallis
January 20	God - Holy Trinity	Fr. Paul Hodge
January 27	Mankind - Creation, the Fall, Messiah	Dn. Jason Ketz
February 03	Christ I - Incarnation, Theotokos, Saints	Fr. John Mangels
February 10	Christ II - His Work & Teachings	Fr. Jason Houck
February 17	Church I - Birth, Mission, Structure	Dn. Jason Ketz
February 24	Church II - Tradition, Bible, Creeds, Councils	Fr. Perry Kallis
March 03	<i>Great Lent Begins – No Class</i>	
March 10	Sacraments I - Baptism, Chrismation, Confession	Fr. Nicholas Hubbard
March 17	Sacraments II - Eucharist, Unction (Liturgy, Worship, Prayer)	Fr. Peter Ries
March 24	Sacraments III - Marriage, Ordination, (& Monasticism)	Fr. Mircea Vasiu
March 31	The Goal - Second Coming & Living the Christian Life	Fr. Paul Hodge
April 07	Orthodoxy in America, Jurisdictions, Missions	Mr. Daniel Christopoulos

**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.*