

This Fall at The Orthodox Studies Institute:

HOLY WOMEN OF BYZANTIUM

by

Dr. Anysia Metrakos

A live, online course exploring the lives and legacies of Byzantine holy women from the mid-fourth through fifteenth centuries.

Tuesdays

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8:00PM Eastern/5:00 PM Pacific



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Course Description

This course explores the lives and legacies of Byzantine holy women from the mid-fourth through fifteenth centuries. A rich variety of interdisciplinary sources including hagiography, iconography, portraiture, architecture, legal codices, letters, encomia, hymnography, and historiography (the writing of history) will inform our understanding of how female sanctity was constructed, communicated, and venerated in the Byzantine period, as well as the impact Byzantine female saints made on the physical and spiritual landscapes of city and society.

About the Instructor

Dr. Anysia Metrakos is a historian of the later Roman Empire (Late Antiquity) whose work centers on the impact of Christianity on Roman society, gender, and law. She received her doctorate from the Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology from University of California, Berkeley, and has lectured in Classical Studies and History at Tufts University. Her current research and book project follow the socio-economic effects and legal implications of founding and financing elite female monastic communities in fifth and sixth century Constantinople. Dr. Metrakos lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband (Fr. Nicholas) and their four children.

