

St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

During his/her first days at St. Vladimir's, each new student in the seminary's Theological Division (candidates for the M.Div. or M.A. degrees, special students, etc.) is required to take an entrance examination covering the fields of Scripture, Church History, Orthodox Doctrine, and Orthodox Worship.

The aim of the examination is to check the student's preparation for meaningful participation in graduate classes in theology. If a student fails the examination, he/she may be required to do additional reading in the fields in which he/she is deficient.

Students are encouraged to study for the entrance examination during the summer preceding their first semester at the seminary.

The bibliography on the reverse side of this sheet provides an orientation to the material covered on the examination.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

SCRIPTURE

BIBLE - OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

Every student is expected to be familiar with the general content of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, and Isaiah. Reading of the entire Old Testament is recommended. As well, every student is expected to have read the entire New Testament.

For an intelligent reading of the sacred texts themselves, students are expected to use:

1. G. Cronk, *The Message of the Bible in the Orthodox Church*, St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1982. (For students with little advance preparation)

CHURCH HISTORY AND ORTHODOX DOCTRINE

1. T. Hopko, *The Orthodox Faith*. Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4, Department of Religious Education, Orthodox Church in America 1971-1973.

Other recommended readings:

1. Timothy Ware, *The Orthodox Church*, Pelican, 1964.
2. Timothy Ware, *The Orthodox Way*, St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1986.

ORTHODOX WORSHIP

Essential information on Orthodox liturgical life and practice is given in the general introduction to Orthodoxy listed in the preceding section.

Students are also expected to be familiar with the basic liturgical texts themselves as found, for example, in I. Hapgood, *Service Book*.