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Applied Theology

CL 203—The Orthodox Canonical Tradition (Rentel)

Required Textbooks

Erickson, John. *The Challenge of Our Past: Studies in Orthodox Canon Law and Church History*. ISBN: 978-0881410860. **(\$17)**

L'Huillier, P. *The Church of the Ancient Councils*. ISBN: 978-0881410075. **(\$40 before student discount)**

Patsavos, L. *Spiritual Dimensions of the Holy Canons*. ISBN: 978-1885652683. **(\$12)**

Rodopoulos, P. *An Overview of Orthodox Canon Law*. ISBN: 978-1933275154. **(\$18)**

Reserve Reading

Hartmann, Wilfried, and K. Pennington, eds. *The History of Byzantine and Eastern Canon Law to 1500*. Washington, D.C.: CUA Press, 2012. **(K.H48 2012)**

Mihai, Vasile. *Orthodox Canon Law Reference Book*. Brookline, MA: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2013. **(BX343.M54 2013)**

Zizioulas, J. *The One and the Many: Studies on God, Man, the Church, and the World Today*. Alhambra, CA: Sebastian Press, 2010. **(BX323.Z597 2010)**

HO 205—Advanced Topics in Homiletics: Challenging Contexts and Special Occasions (Halvorsen)

Required Textbooks

Liturgical texts for the Orthodox Christian services of Baptism, Theophany, Marriage, Bridegroom Matins, Funeral, and Holy Friday. (Available online and in multiple printed formats)

Kubler-Ross, Elizabeth. *On Grief and Grieving: Finding the Meaning of Grief Through the Five Stages of Loss*. ISBN: 978-0743266291. **(\$19)**

Meyendorff, John. *Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective*. ISBN: 978-0913836057. **(\$21 before student discount)**

Schmemmann, Alexander. *Of Water and the Spirit*. ISBN: 978-0913836101. **(\$25 before student discount)**

Reserve Reading

Buttrick, David G. *Homiletic: Moves and Structures*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987. (BV4211.2.B86 1987)

Calciu, George. *Interviews, Homilies and Talks*. Introduction by Frederica Matthews-Green. Platina, CA: St Herman of Alaska Brotherhood, 2015. (BX597.C35 C35 2010)

Chrysostom, St. John. *Baptismal Instructions*. Translated and annotated by Paul W. Harkins. *Ancient Christian Writers*, edited by Johannes Quasten & Walter J. Burghardt, S.J. Volume 31. New York: Paulist Press, 1963. (BR60.A35 V.31)

Huckleberry, Lee, and Dwight A. Moody, eds. *A Beautiful Thing: Sermons from the Inaugural Festival of Young Preachers*. St Louis: Chalice Press, 2010. (BV4241.B43 2010)

Kubler-Ross, Elisabeth. *On Death and Dying*. New York, NY: Scribner, 1997. (BF789.D4 K8)

Long, Thomas G. *Preaching from Memory to Hope*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2009. (BV4211.3.L65 2009)

Long, Thomas G. *The Witness of Preaching*, second edition. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2005. (BV4211.3.L66 2005)

Roeber, Anthony. *Mixed Marriages: An Orthodox History*. Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2018. (BX378.M2R643 2018)

PT207—Pastoral Counseling in the Parish (Abdalah)

Required Textbooks

Abdalah, John and Nicholas G. Mamey. *Building an Orthodox Marriage: A Practical Commentary on the Eastern Orthodox Marriage Rite* (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2017). ISBN: 978-0881415933. (\$21)

Alexander, David. *Leaping into the Hands of God: Lessons from My Teachers on Hypostatic Spiritual Care*. (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2025). ISBN: 978-0881417845. (\$28)

Hopko, Thomas. *Speaking the Truth in Love: Education, Mission, and Witness in Contemporary Orthodoxy*, Chapters 9, 10, 11 (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2004). ISBN: 978-0881412635. (\$25)

St John Chrysostom. *Six Books on the Priesthood*. (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1984). ISBN: 978-0913836385. (\$22)

St John of Kronstadt. *Counsels on the Christian Priesthood*. (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1994). ISBN: 0881411361. (\$50.44)

Shahovsky, Archbishop John. *The Orthodox Pastor: A Guide to Pastoral Theology*. (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2008). ISBN: 978-0913836033. (\$22)

Reserve Reading

None

PT 385—Pastoral Care for Immigrant and Ethnic Communities (Daniel)

Required Textbook

Egan, Gerard. *The Skilled Helper: A Systematic Approach to Effective Helping*. Pacific Grove, Calif: Brooks/Cole Pub. Co, 1990. (BF637.C6 E39 1990). (BF637.C6 E39 1990 C.2). ISBN: 0534121381. (\$29)

Reserve Reading

Allen, Joseph J. *The Ministry of the Church: The Image of Pastoral Care*. Crestwood, N.Y.: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1986. BX341.6.A44 1986. ISBN: 0881410446.

Breck, John. *Stages on Life's Way: Orthodox Thinking on Bioethics*. Crestwood, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2005. (R725.56.B73 2005). ISBN: 0881412994.

Gregorios, Paulose M. *Worship in a Secular Age*. Kottayam: MGF/ISPCK, 2000.

Gregorios, Paulose M. *Glory and Burden*. Kottayam: MGF/ISPCK, 2000.

Biblical Studies

NT 102—New Testament Introduction (Barnet)

Required Textbooks

The Bible. [The instructor will be citing the Revised Standard Version (RSV); any choice of translation is fine.]

Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*, third edition. ISBN: 978-0800663612. **(Any edition acceptable; \$59)**

Reserve Reading

Hays, Richard B. *First Corinthians. Interpretation*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997. **(BS2675.3.H38 1997)**

Hays, Richard B. *The Faith of Jesus: The Narrative Substructure of Galatians 3:1-4:11. Second ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002. (BS2685.2.H39 2002)*

OT 325—Wisdom (Legaspi)

Required Textbooks

Alter, Robert. *The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes: A Translation with Commentary* (W.W. Norton & Co., 2010) ISBN: 978-0393340532. **(\$21.99)**

McLaughlin, John. *An Introduction to Israel's Wisdom Traditions* (Eerdmans, 2018) ISBN: 978-0802874542. **(\$28.99)**

Reserve Reading

None

Historical Studies

CH 200—The Orthodox Churches in the Second Millennium (Tudorie)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

Creeds & Confessions of Faith in the Christian Tradition, vol. I, Edited by Jaroslav Pelikan and Valerie Hotchkiss, New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 2003. **[BT990.C64 2003]**

PA 101—Introduction to Patristics (Bucur)

Required Textbooks

Drobner, Hubertus. *The Fathers of the Church: A Comprehensive Introduction*. ISBN: 978-0801098185. **(\$60)**

St Irenaeus of Lyon, *On the Apostolic Preaching*. St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2003. ISBN: 978-0881411744. **(\$22 before student discount)**

Origen, *On First Principles*. ISBN: 978-0198845317. **(\$35)**

Skarsaune, Oskar. *In the Shadow of the Temple: Jewish Influences on Early Christianity*. ISBN: 978-0830828449. **(\$47.99)**

Reserve Reading

None

PA 430—Augustine's Treatise On the Trinity: Text, Context, Theological Significance (Bucur)

Required Textbooks

Augustine. *The Trinity (A Translation for the 21st Century)*. Translation Introduction by Edmund Hill OP. New City Press, 1991. ISBN: 1565484467. **(\$44.95)**

Reserve Reading

None

Languages and Writing Instruction

BL 200—Reading Biblical Greek (Barnet)

Required Textbooks

Croy, N. Clayton. *A Primer of Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999. ISBN: 978-0802867339. **(\$35.99)**

Reserve Reading

Louw, Johannes P., and Eugene A. Nida. *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament Based on Semantic Domains*. 2 vols. New York: United Bible Societies, 1988. **(PA 881 G68 1988 v.1 and v.2)**

Porter, Stanley E. *Idioms of the Greek New Testament*, second edition. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1994. **(PA 851 P678 1995)**

Windham, Neal. *New Testament Greek for Preachers and Teachers: Five Areas of Application*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1991. **(PA 817 W55 1991)**

Wuest, Kenneth Samuel. *The Practical Use of the Greek New Testament*, revised edition. Chicago: Moody Press, 1982. **(PA 805 W83 1982)**

BL 301—Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (Legaspi)

Required Textbooks

Lee M. Fields, *Hebrew for the Rest of Us: Using Hebrew Tools to Study the Old Testament*. Second Edition (Zondervan, 2008). ISBN: 978-0-310-13399-5. **(\$32.99)**

Lee M. Fields, *Hebrew for the Rest of Us Workbook: Using Hebrew Tools to Study the Old Testament*. (Zondervan, 2023). ISBN: 978-0-310-13614-9. **(\$21.99)**

Reserve Reading

None

Liturgy

LI 101—Daily and Annual Cycles of the Orthodox Christian Worship (Russin)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

None

LI 101A—Antiochian Liturgical Practice (Belcher)

Required Textbooks

Information for this course is not yet available

Reserve Reading

LI 103—Celebration of the Sacraments of the Orthodox Church (Rentel)

Required Textbooks

Anderson, David, et al. (eds.). *Matins of Holy Saturday with the Praises and Psalm 119*. Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1982. ISBN: 9780866420235. **(\$12)**

Anderson, David, et al. (eds.). *The Bridegroom Services of Holy Week*. Syosset, NY: Dept of Religious Education, The Orthodox Church in America. **(\$10)**

Anderson, David, et al. (eds.). *The Feast of Palms. The Services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday*. Syosset, NY: Dept of Religious Education, The Orthodox Church in America. ISBN: 0866420282. **(\$10)**

Erickson, John, et al. (eds.). *Holy Friday Matins with the Passion Gospels and Royal Hours*. Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. ISBN: 9780866420310. **(\$12)**

Erickson, John, et al. (eds.). *The Paschal Service*. Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1982. ISBN: 9780866420334. **(\$11)**

Erickson, John, et al. (eds.). *Vespers of Holy Friday*. Syosset, NY: Dept of Religious Education, The Orthodox Church in America, 1982. ISBN: 9866420320. **(\$8)**

Getcha, Job, *The Typikon Decoded*. Crestwood, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2012. ISBN: 0881414123. **(\$32)**

Getcha, Job, *The Euchologion Unveiled: An Explanation of Byzantine Liturgical Practice II*. Crestwood, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press; 2021. ISBN: 978-0881416350. **(\$40)**

Hieratikon: Office Book for Priest and Deacon. Volumes I-II. South Canaan, PA: St Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2014; 2017. ISBN: 978-0990502920; 978-0997471878. **(\$70)** [Volume II is available in the SVS Bookstore for \$49.99.]

Lazor, Paul (ed.). *Baptism*. Syosset, NY: Dept of Religious Education, The Orthodox Church in America. ISBN: 0-86642-037-1. **(\$9)**

Lazor, Paul (ed.). *Great and Holy Saturday. Vespers and the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great*. Syosset, NY: Dept of Religious Education, The Orthodox Church in America. **(\$11)**

Lazor, Paul (ed.). *The Vespers of Pascha*. Syosset, NY: Dept of Religious Education, The Orthodox Church in America. **(\$7)**

Meyendorff, John (ed.). *Holy Matrimony. The Service of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*. Syosset, NY: Dept of Religious Education, The Orthodox Church in America. **(\$8)**

Soroka, Igor (ed.). *Service for Those Fallen Asleep "Panikhida."* South Canaan, PA: St Tikhon's Seminary Press. ISBN: 9780997471861. **(\$20)**

[Reserve Reading](#)

None

LI 103A—(Belcher)—Antiochian Liturgical and Pastoral Practice

[Required Textbooks](#)

Liturgikon: Book of Divine Services for the Priest and Deacon, 4th Edition. (Antakya Press, 2021). **(\$50)**

"Red Service Book"

[Reserve Reading](#)

LM 101—Continued Liturgical Music of the Orthodox Church in America (Mandell)

[Required Textbooks](#)

None

[Reserve Reading](#)

None

LM 101A—Ecclesiastical Chant of the Antiochian Archdiocese (Fine)

[Required Textbooks](#)

None

[Reserve Reading](#)

None

LM 103—Liturgical Music of the Orthodox Church in America: Sacraments and the Priesthood (Russin)

[Required Textbooks](#)

None

[Reserve Reading](#)

None

LP 001A—Antiochian Diaconal Preparation (Belcher)

[Required Textbooks](#)

Information for this course is not yet available.

[Reserve Reading](#)

LP 002—Priestly Preparation (Rentel)

[Required Textbooks](#)

The books listed for LI 103 will be used for LP 002 as well.

[Reserve Reading](#)

None

LT 442—Holy Anaphora (Permiakov)

Required Textbooks

Jasper, R.C.D and G.J. Cuming, Paul F. Bradshaw and Maxwell E. Johnson, eds. *Prayers of the Eucharist: Early and Reformed*. 4th ed. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2019. ISBN: 978-0814660232. **[\$28]**
Bradshaw, Paul F. and Maxwell E. Johnson. *The Eucharistic Liturgies: Their Evolution and Interpretation*. London: SPCK, 2012. ISBN: 978-0814662403. **[\$45]**

Reserve Reading

Bradshaw, Paul F., ed. *Essays on Early Eastern Eucharistic Prayers*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1997. BV185.E87 1997
Cuming, Geoffrey J. *The Liturgy of St Mark*. Rome: PIO, 1990. BX101.O7 N.234
Fenwick, John. *The Anaphoras of St Basil and St James: An Investigation into Their Common Origin*. Rome: PIO, 1992. BX101.O7 N.240
Hangii, A. and I. Pahl. *Prex eucharistica: textus e variis liturgiis antiquioribus selecti*. Fribourg: Editions universitaires, 1968. BV185.H3
Johnson, Maxwell E., ed. *Issues in Eucharistic Praying in East and West: Essays in Liturgical and Theological Analysis*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2010. BX2015.6.I77 2011
Mazza, Enrico. *The Origins of the Eucharistic Prayer*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1995. BV825.54.M3913 1995
Mazza, Enrico. *The Eucharistic Prayers of the Roman Rite*. New York: Pueblo, 1986. BX2015.6.M3913 1986
Winkler, Gabriele. *Das Sanctus: über den Ursprung und die Anfänge des Sanctus und sein Fortwirken*. Rome: PIO, 2002. BX101.O7 V.267

Sacred Arts

SA 305—Learning to Read Icons (Schroeder)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

None

SA 310—The Sacred Art of Narrative (Halvorsen)

Required Textbooks

Abbott, H. Porter. *The Cambridge Introduction to Narrative*. 3rd ed. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021. ISBN: 978-1108823357. **(\$35)**
Athanasius, Saint. *The Life of Antony and the Letter to Marcellinus*. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1972. ISBN: 978-0809122950. **(\$24.95)**
Brown, Jeannine K. *The Gospels as Stories: A Narrative Approach to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020. ISBN: 978-0801049842. **(\$24)**
Bowles, Meg, Catherine Burns, Jenifer Hixson, Sarah Austin Jenness and Kate Tellers. *How to Tell a Story: The Essential Guide to Memorable Storytelling from The Moth*. New York: Crown, 2022. ISBN: 978-0593139028. **(\$19)**

Reserve Reading

None

Systematic Theology

DT 101—Dogmatic Theology in Christ (Bouteneff)

Required Textbooks

Meyendorff, John. *Byzantine Theology: Historical Trends and Doctrinal Themes* (Fordham University Press, 1999). ISBN: 978-0823209675. **(\$38)**

Pomazansky, Michael. *Orthodox Dogmatic Theology: A Concise Exposition* (St Herman of Alaska Brotherhood, 2024). ISBN: 978-0938635697. **(\$25)**

Reserve Reading

None

ST 439—Eastern and Oriental Orthodoxy: History, Theology, Identity (Bouteneff)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

Ishak, Shenouda. *Christology and the Council of Chalcedon*. Outskirts Press, 2013. **(BT205.I84 2013)**

Samuel, V.C. *The Council of Chalcedon Re-Examined*. British Orthodox Press, 2001. **(BR225.S3 2001)**

Sarkissian, Karekin, Archbishop. *The Council of Chalcedon and the Armenian Church*. London: SPCK, 1965. **(BX126.2.S25)**