

Fall 2026

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Applied Theology

CL 342— Contemporary Issues in Canon Law (Rentel)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

None

HO 204—Introduction to Homiletics: From Scripture to Spoken Word (Halvorsen)

Required Textbooks

Chrysostom, St. John. *Six Books on the Priesthood*. Translated by Graham Neville. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1984, 1996. 9780913836385. **(\$22)**

Clement, Olivier. *The Song of Tears*. Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2021. **(\$23)**

Lowry, Eugene. *The Homiletical Plot: The Sermon as Narrative Art Form*, expanded edition. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2001. 9780664222642. **(\$22)**

Meyers, Robin. *With Ears to Hear: Preaching as Self-Persuasion*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2007. 9781556356308. **(\$8)**

Reserve Reading

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

Craddock, Fred B. *As One Without Authority*. St. Louis MO: Chalice Press, 2001. [BV4211.3 .C73 2001]

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

Biblical Studies

NT 203—The Gospels and Acts of the Apostles (Barnet)

Required Textbooks

Hays, Richard B. *Reading Backwards: Figural Christology and the Fourfold Gospel Witness*. 978-1481302333. **(\$35)**

Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*, third edition. 978-0800663612. [This book was required for NT 102. Any edition will suffice.] **(\$59)**

Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Real Jesus: The Misguided Quest for the Historical Jesus and the Truth of the Traditional Gospels*. 978-0060641665. **(\$19)**

Reserve Reading

Donahue, John A. *The Gospel in Parable: Metaphor, Narrative, and Theology in the Synoptic Gospels*. [BT375.2.D66 1988]

Gray, Sherman W. *The Least of My Brothers: Matthew 25:31–46: A History of Interpretation*. Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series 114. [BS2575.2.G73 1989]

NT 330—Formation of the Biblical Canon: Patristic Witness and Contemporary Debates (Hovhannessian)

Required Textbooks

McDonald, Lee M. *The Formation of the New Testament Canon: Volume 1: The Old Testament: Its Authority and Canonicity*. (T&T Clark, 2025). 978-0567717207. **(\$47.95)**

McDonald, Lee M. *The Formation of the New Testament Canon: Volume 2: The New Testament: Its Authority and Canonicity*. (T&T Clark, 2025). 978-0567717214 **(\$47.95)**

Metzger, Bruce M. *The Canon of the New Testament: Its Origin, Development, and Significance* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1987). 978-0198269540 **(\$53.09)**

Reserve Reading

Assmann, Jan. *Cultural Memory and Early Civilization: Writing, Remembrance, and Political Imagination* [CB311.A75 2011]

Barton, John. *Holy Writings, Sacred Text: The Canon in Early Christianity* (Westminster [BS465.B36 1998])

Watt, James W. *Iconic Books and Texts: Multi-Disciplinary Studies on the Holy Book*. [BT375.2.D66 1988]

Not in SVOTS Library

The New Cambridge History of the Bible: Volume 2, From 600 to 1450 (edited by Richard Marsden and E. Ann Matter) [BS445.C26]

Florovsky, Fr. Georges. *Bible, Church, Tradition: An Eastern Orthodox View*. [BX260.F55 V.1]

Gamble, Harry Y. *The New Testament Canon: Its Making and Meaning*. [BS2320.G36 1985]

OT 100—Introduction to the Old Testament (Legaspi)

Required Textbooks

Pentiuc, Eugen J. *The Old Testament in Eastern Orthodox Tradition*. OUP, 2014. ISBN: 978-0195331233. (\$68)

Strawn, Brent A. *The Old Testament: A Concise Introduction*. Routledge, 2020. ISBN: 978-0415643009. (\$28.99)

The Lexham English Septuagint. Lexham, 2019. 9781683593447. (\$49.99)

Reserve Reading

None

OT 325 (425)—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 110—History of the Church until the Fall of Byzantium (Tudorie)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

Creeeds & 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 201—Articulations of the Christian Faith During the Conciliar Era (Bucur)

Required Textbooks

Leo Donald Davis, *The First Seven Ecumenical Councils (325-787): Their History and Theology*. Liturgical Press, 1990. ISBN: 978-0814656167. **(\$29.95)**

St Maximus the Confessor, *On the Ecclesiastical Mystagogy*. SVS Press, 2020. ISBN: 978-0-88141-647-3. **(\$34)**

St John Damascene, *On the Orthodox Faith*. SVS Press, 2022. ISBN: 978-0881416947. **(\$36)**

Reserve Reading

None

PA 315 (415)—Exegesis of Theophanies and Doctrinal Articulation in Early Christianity (Bucur)

Required Textbooks

Christopher Barina Kaiser, *Seeing the Lord's Glory: Kyriocentric Visions and the Dilemma of Early Christology*. Fortress, 2015. ISBN: 9781451470345. **(\$10)**

Andrei Orlov, *The Glory of the Invisible God: Two Powers in Heaven Traditions and Early Christology* (T&T Clark, 2020). ISBN: 056770209X. **(\$44)**

St Irenaeus of Lyon, *On the Apostolic Preaching*. SVS Press, 1997. ISBN: 9780881411744. **(\$19)**

Melito of Sardis, *On Pascha and Fragments*. SVS Press, 2016. ISBN: 9780881415551. **(\$22)**

Reserve Reading

None

PA 368—St Nicholas Kavalas and Late Byzantine Theology (Pino)

Required Textbooks

Nicholas Cabasilas. *The Life in Christ*. Yonkers: SVS Press, 1982. **(\$26)**

Nicholas Cabasilas. *A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy*. Yonkers: SVS Press, 1982. **(\$19)**

Reserve Reading

Vassa Conticello and Carmelo Giuseppe Conticello. *La Theologie byzantine et sa tradition II*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2002. **[BX320.2.T44 2002]**

S. Salaville, R. Bornert, J. Gouillard, P. Périchon. *Nicolas Cabasilas : Explication de la divine liturgie*. Paris: Editions du Cerf, 1967 **[BR60.S6 N.4 BIS]**

M.-H. Congourdeau. *La Vie en Christ. Tome I*. Paris: Editions du Cerf, 1989. **[BR60.S6 V.355]**

M.-H. Congourdeau. *La Vie en Christ. Tome II*. Paris: Editions du Cerf, 1989. **[BR60.S6 V.361]**

M. Jugie. *Homelies mariales byzantines: textes grecs edites et traduits en Latin*. Paris: Firmin-Didot, 1925. **[BR60.P25 T.19 F.3]**

Languages and Writing Instruction

BL 100—An Introduction to Biblical Greek (Barnet)

Required Textbooks

Croy, N. Clayton. *A Primer of Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999. 978-0802867339. **(\$36)**

Reserve Reading

None

Liturgy

LI 100—Introduction to Orthodox Liturgics (Rusin)

Required Textbooks

Fekula, Peter and Williams Matthew. *The Order of Divine Services According to the Usage of the Russian Orthodox Church*. Liberty, TN: St. John of Kronstadt Press, 1997. **(\$44)** [Please purchase in SVS bookstore]

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

Reserve Reading

The Unabbreviated Horologion or Book of Hours. Jordanville: Holy Trinity Monastery, 1997. [BX375.H6 A49 1997]

The Festal Menaion. London: Faber and Faber, 1969; reprinted South Canaan, PA: St Tikhon's Seminary Press, 1990. [BX375.M37 A445 1994]

OCA Liturgical Calendar [2026 Edition]. [In the chapel]

LI 100A—Antiochian Liturgical Arts

Required Textbooks

Information for this course is not yet available

Reserve Reading

Information for this course is not yet available

LI 102—The Divine Liturgies of the Orthodox Church (Rentel)

Required Textbooks

Hieratikon: Office Book for Priest and Deacon. Volumes I-II. South Canaan, PA: St Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2026; 2025. 978-0990502920; 978-0997471878 **(\$80)**

Reserve Reading

Getcha, Job. *The Euchologion Unveiled: An Explanation of Byzantine Liturgical Practice II*. Yonkers, NY: SVS Press, 2021. [BX375.E75 G47 2018]

LI 102A—Antiochian Liturgical and Pastoral Practice

Required Textbooks

Information for this course is not yet available

Reserve Reading

Information for this course is not yet available

LM 100—Introduction to Liturgical Music of the Orthodox Church in America

[Required Textbooks](#)

Information for this course is not yet available

[Reserve Reading](#)

Information for this course is not yet available

LM 100A—Ecclesiastical Chant of the Antiochian Archdiocese

[Required Textbooks](#)

Information for this course is not yet available

[Reserve Reading](#)

Information for this course is not yet available

LM 102—Liturgical Music of the Orthodox Church in America: Feasts, Sacraments, and the Diaconate (Russin)

[Required Textbooks](#)

Hieratikon: Office Book for Priest and Deacon. Volumes I-II. South Canaan, PA: St Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2014; 2017. 978-0990502920; 978-0997471878 (**\$79**)

Panikhida and Funeral Service Book. South Canaan, PA: St Tikhon's Monastery Press, 2017 [rev. 2023], with corrections. ISBN 978-0997471861 (**\$16**)

[Reserve Reading](#)

None

LP 001—Diaconal Preparation (Rentel)

[Required Textbooks](#)

None

[Reserve Reading](#)

None

LP 002A—Antiochian Priestly Preparation

[Required Textbooks](#)

Information for this course is not yet available

[Reserve Reading](#)

Information for this course is not yet available

LT 102—The Liturgy of Initiation (Rentel)

[Required Textbooks](#)

Getcha, Job. *The Euchologion Unveiled: An Explanation of Byzantine Liturgical Practice II.* Yonkers, NY: SVS Press, 2021. 0881416355. (**\$26**)

McGowan, Andrew. *Ancient Christian Worship: Early Church Practices in Social, Historical, and Theological Perspective*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2016. 0801097878. **(\$28)**

Reserve Reading

To be determined

LT 390 (490)—Mystagogy (Roosien)

Required Textbooks

Cabasilas, Nicholas. *The Life in Christ*. Trans. Carmino J. deCatanzaro. St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1974. ISBN:978-091383612-5 **(\$26)**

Cyril of Jerusalem. *Lectures on the Christian Sacraments*. Ed. and trans. Maxwell E. Johnson. St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2017. ISBN: 978-0881415643 **(\$26)**

Maximus the Confessor. *On the Ecclesiastical Mystagogy*. Trans. Jonathan J. Armstrong. St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2020. ISBN: 978-0881416473 **(\$34)**

Schmemmann, Alexander. *The Eucharist*. Trans. Paul Kachur. St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1988. ISBN: 978-0881410181 **(\$30)**

Archimandrite Vasileios. *Hymn of Entry*. Trans. Elizabeth Briere. 2nd ed. St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-0881413854 **(\$25)**

Reserve Reading

None

Sacred Arts

SA 360—The Music and Faith of Arvo Pärt (Bouteneff)

Required Textbook

Bouteneff, Peter C., *Arvo Pärt: Out of Silence*. Yonkers, NY: SVS Press, 2015. ISBN 9780881415124 **(\$31)**

Reserve Reading

Bouteneff, Engelhardt, Saler, eds., *Arvo Pärt: Sounding the Sacred*. Fordham University Press, 2020
[ML410 .P1755 .A78 2021]

Hillier, Paul, *Arvo Pärt*. Oxford University Press 1997. [ML410.P1755 H55 1997]

Rosma, Hedi, Kõrver, Kristina, Kutman, Kai, Siitan, Toomas. *In Principio: the Word in Arvo Pärt's Music*. Laulasmaa: Arvo Pärt Centre, 2014. [ML410.P1755 I5 2014]

Shenton, Andrew, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Arvo Pärt*. Cambridge University Press, 2012
[ML410.P1755 C36 2012]

Systematic Theology

ST 202—Modern Orthodox Theology (Bouteneff)

Required Textbook

Louth, Andrew. *Modern Orthodox Thinkers from the Philokalia to the Present*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2015. ISBN: 978-0830851218 (**\$38**)

Reserve Reading

Bouteneff, Peter C. *Beginnings: Ancient Christian Readings of the Biblical Creation Narratives*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2008. [BT695.B63]

Casiday, Augustine. *Remember the Days of Old: Orthodox Thinking on the Patristic Heritage*. SVS Press: 2014. [BR67.C385 2014]

Ladouceur, Paul. *Modern Orthodox Theology*. T&T Clark, 2019. [BX320.3.L33 2019]

ST 321—Eco-Theology: Orthodox Christianity, Creation, and Environmental Responsibility (Maksimovic)

Required Textbooks

None

Recommended Books for Personal Libraries

Elizabeth Theokritoff, *Living in God's Creation: Orthodox Perspectives on Ecology* (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2009). ([link](#))

John Chryssavgis and Bruce V. Foltz, eds., *Toward an Ecology of Transfiguration: Orthodox Christian Perspectives on Environment, Nature, and Creation* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2013). ([link](#))

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None