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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)

CL 342— Contemporary Issues in Canon Law (Rentel)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

None

ET 301—Introduction to Orthodox Ethics (LeMasters)

Required Textbooks

Guroian, Vigen. *Incarnate Love: Essays in Orthodox Ethics*. (University of Notre Dame Press, 2002). ISBN: 9780268031695. **($35)**
LeMasters, Philip. *Sex and Salvation* (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2025). ISBN: 978-0-88141-719-7. **($35)**

Skobtsova, Maria. *Mother Maria Skobtsova: Essential Writings* (Orbis Press, 2002). ISBN: 978-1-57075-436-4. **($23)**

Yannaras, Christos. *The Freedom of Morality* (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1984). ISBN: 978-0-88141-028-0. **($36)**

Reserve Reading

Breck, John. *The Sacred Gift of Life: Orthodox Christianity and Bioethics* (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2000). (BX323.B745 2000)

Engelhardt, Tristam H., Jr., *The Foundations of Christian Bioethics*. (Swets & Zeitlinger, 2000). (R725.56.E54 2000)

Papanikolaou, Aristotle. *The Mystical as Political: Democracy and Non-Radical Orthodoxy* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2012). (BX335.P34 2012)

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* (Scribner, 2014). ISBN: 978-0743266291. **($30)**

Meyendorff, John. *Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective* (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1975). ISBN: 978-0913836057. **($21 before student discount)**

Schmemann, Alexander. *Of Water and the Spirit* (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1997). 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**)

Gottman, John and Nan Silver. *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work: A Practical Guide from the Country's Foremost Relationship Expert* (Harmony/Rodale/Convergent, 2015). ISBN: 978-0553447712. **($20)**

Larchet, Jean-Claude. *The Theology of Illness.* (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2002). ISBN: 978-0-881-41239-0. **($24)**

Makoul, Joshua. *Healing Your Wounded Soul: Growing from Pain to Peace* (Ancient Faith Publishing, 2021). ISBN: 9781944967833. **($14)**

Muse, Stephen. *When Hearts Become Flame: An Eastern Approach to the Dia-Logos of Pastoral Counseling* (St Tikhon's Monastery Press, 2015). ISBN: 978-0990502975. **($20)**

Webber, Fr Meletios. *Steps of Transformation: An Orthodox Priest Explores the Twelve Steps* (Ancient Faith Publishing, 2003). ISBN: 978-1888212631. **($18)**

Reserve Reading

Thermos, Vasileios and Stephen Muse (editor). *Words into Spirit: Pastoral Perspectives on Confession* (St Tikhon's Monastery Press, 2019). ISBN: 9781732852242.

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)*

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

Information for this course is not yet available.

Reserve Reading

PA 311—Pillars of the Early Christian Ascetical Tradition: Readings from Anthony the Great, Evagrius Ponticus, Ps.-Macarius, and Diadochus of Photikē. (Bucur)

Required Textbooks

Information for this course is not yet available.

Reserve Reading

Languages and Writing Instruction

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)**

Matthew Richard Schlimm, *70 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know* (Abingdon, 2018). ISBN: 9781426799969. **($22.99)**

Reserve Reading

None

Liturgy

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

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

Liturgical Rubrics 2027 (St Tikhon's Monastery Press)

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—Antiochian Liturgical and Pastoral Practice (Belcher)

Required Textbooks

Information for this course is not yet available.

Reserve Reading

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

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 (Black)

Required Textbooks

None, but students are strongly encouraged to have their own copy of both volumes of the Hieratikon: Office Book for Priest and Deacon (St Tikhon's Monastery Press, 2014), or whichever clergy service book(s) their bishop or jurisdiction requires.

Reserve Reading

LM 103A—Ecclesiastical Chant of the Antiochian Archdiocese (Fine)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

None

LP 002—Priestly Preparation (Rentel)

Required Textbooks

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

Reserve Reading

None

LP 002A—Antiochian Diaconal Preparation (Belcher)

Required Textbooks

Information for this course is not yet available.

Reserve Reading

LT 330(430)—The Sanctification of Time: Liturgical Year (Permiakov)

Required Textbooks

Bradshaw, Paul and Maxwell Johnson. The Origins of Feasts, Fasts, and Seasons in Early Christianity. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2011 ($25)

Vanderkam, James C. Calendars in the Dead Sea Scrolls. New York: Routledge, 1998 ($50)

Reserve Reading

The Lenten Triodion. South Canaan: St Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2002. (BX375.T74 A45 2002)

[Gillet, Lev] Monk of the Eastern Church. The Year of Grace of the Lord: a Scriptural and Liturgical Commentary on the Calendar of the Orthodox Church. Crestwood: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1980. (BV30.A48 1980)

Bertoniere, Gabriel. The Historical Development of the Easter Vigil and Related Services in the Greek Church. Rome: Pont. institutum studiorum orientalium, 1972. (BX 101.O7 N.193)

Renoux, [Charles] Athanase. Le codex arménien Jérusalem 121. Turnhout: Brepols, 1969-71. (BR60.P25 T.36 F.2)

Taft, Robert F. Beyond East and West: Problems in Liturgical Understanding. 2nd rev. ed. Rome: Edizioni

Orientalia Christiana, 1997. (BV 176.T3 1997)

Tarchnisvili, Michel. Le grand lectionnaire de l'Eglise de Jérusalem (Ve-VIIe siécle). Louvain: Secretariat du Corpus SCO, 1959. (BR60.C5 I2 T.9)

Sacred Arts

SA 301—Introduction to the Sacred Arts of the Orthodox Church (Schroeder)

Required Textbooks

None

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

PH 301—Introduction to Christian Philosophy (Legaspi)

Required Textbooks

Reeve, C. D. C. and Patrick Lee Miller, eds. *Introductory Readings in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy* (Hackett Publishing Company, Inc, 2015). 978-1624663529. **($60)**

Stead, Christopher. *Philosophy in Christian Antiquity* (Cambridge University Press, 1996). 978-0521469555. **($56)**

Reserve Reading

None

ST 338 (438) — Orthodox Identity and Difference (Bouteneff)

Required Textbooks

None

Reserve Reading

None