

ST. ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – FALL 2021
SEPTEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 3, 2021
6:30-7:30

CATECHISM

This class has a dual intention. For those for want to enter the Holy Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, it will serve as their basic preparation and will provide them with the essential information that they need to live within the Church. For those who are already Orthodox, this class will deepen and formalize their understanding and participation in their Faith.

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| CLASS OF SEPTEMBER 15 | Introduction and welcome
Source of the Faith: Revelation and Holy Tradition
Readings: Hopko, <i>The Orthodox Faith: Doctrine and Scripture</i> , pp. 18-38 |
| CLASS OF SEPTEMBER 22 | What do we believe? I
Salvation and the Nicene Creed
Readings: Hopko, <i>Doctrine and Scripture</i> , pp. 40-76 |
| CLASS OF SEPTEMBER 29 | What do we believe? II
Ecumenical Councils
Readings: Hopko, <i>Doctrine and Scripture</i> , pp. 76-129 |
| CLASS OF OCTOBER 13 | Into the Church
Church tour and discussion
Readings: Hopko, <i>Worship</i> , pp. 16-28 |

CLASS OF OCTOBER 20

Sacraments

Readings: Hopko, *Worship*, pp. 30-60

CLASS OF OCTOBER 27

Worship: Cycles and Church Year

Readings: Hopko, *Worship*, pp. 62-143

CLASS OF NOVEMBER 3

Putting it all together: Christian Life

Prayer and Spiritual Life

Home and family – the Little Church

Handout

BASIC COURSE TEXTS:

Fr. Thomas Hopko, *Orthodox Faith: Doctrine and Scripture*. Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir's Press, 1981

Fr. Thomas Hopko, *Orthodox Faith: Worship*. Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir's Press, 1981.

FOR FURTHER READING:

Metropolitan Hilarion (Alifeyev). *Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to the Teaching and Spirituality of the Orthodox Faith*. Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir's Press, 2002.

Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware), *Orthodox Church*. New York: Penguin Books, 2015.