

**Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute Course Offerings
Fall 2006**

Christian Initiation: History and Liturgy – LSHS 4050
John Klentos

The course will allow students to engage in an in-depth study of Christian Initiation practices and their theological interpretations. Ecumenical in nature, this course will treat Eastern and Western traditions, from pre-biblical to modern times. Primary sources (in English translation) and select secondary literature will fuel seminar discussions. Evaluation will be based on class participation, seminar presentations, and a final research project.

Thursday – 9:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Liturgical Methods: Proseminar – LS 5010
John Klentos

This is a foundational course in methods of liturgical study, from the perspectives of history, theology, and ritual studies. Evaluation will be based on participation in seminar discussion, in-class presentations, and a final synthesis paper. [Auditors excluded]

Tuesday – 2:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Orthodox Christian Church: History and Theology – HSST 4157
Anton Vrame

A survey of the history and theology of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Beginning with the Church's Byzantine roots, the course will sketch the development of Orthodox Christianity from its imperial phase and missionary efforts, through the dark years of decline and oppression, up to its present life in the western world and recent reemergence in Eastern-bloc countries. Throughout the course, theological investigation will include historical inquiry. Evaluation will be based on class discussion, two brief presentations and two written assignments.

Tuesday – 7:10 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Basic Modern Greek I – BS 1170
Paul Manolis

Introduction to basic grammar and vocabulary needed to begin reading and speaking Modern Greek. This course is a prerequisite for Basic Modern Greek II. Contact Professor Manolis for time of class at <pgmanolis@yahoo.com>. This class will meet at PAOI.

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Orthodox Christianity in America – HS 2757**Paul Manolis**

A survey of the historical development of the Eastern Orthodox Churches in America, from the 18th c. Russian missions in Alaska to the creation of the various jurisdictions in the 20th century. Lecture/seminar format with two papers required.

Thursday – 12:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Desert Spirituality for City Folks – SPHS 2762**Bradley Nassif**

This course integrates the principles of ancient Christian spirituality with the modern world. Through a study of the lives and teachings of great monastic Fathers and Mothers of Egypt (3rd-6th centuries), students will learn the classical disciplines of spiritual formation (fasting, prayer, meditation, mentoring, study, and more). Since spirituality is an activity, not just knowledge, learning activities will combine lecture, reading, discussion, self-assessment, small group work, spiritual exercises, and a field trip. Course assessment will be based on the combination of several short projects: an 8 page paper, a "love in action" project, interview of a local spiritual leader, development of a personal "rule," and a reading assessment of class texts.

The course will meet 4 weekends: 9/08/06-9/09/06, 10/13/06-10/14/06, 11/10/06-11/11-06, and 12/01/06-12/02/06, Fridays from 3:00pm-9:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am-3:00pm, at PAOI.