

2015 Orthodox Institute Course Descriptions

The courses are placed in interest tracks for your convenience: 1) Event Courses, 2) Church School Director Courses, and 3) Teacher Training Courses. You are not limited to courses in a single track; however, if you attend the first three course listings in a track, you will receive a *Certificate of Participation*. Further information is given under each track title below. For full course descriptions, please visit www.antiochian.org/OI2015; these on the brochure pages are abridged.

EVENT COURSES

Those who take the first three courses, marked with a (+) will receive a special certificate in "Adult Education: Building on the Foundation of Faith." The three courses are available both on Friday and Saturday.

+ Basic Principles of Adult Education

The subject matter of this course will extend from basic issues of adult education such as adult development over the lifespan, what makes for good adult education practice, that is, how it is different and should be different from childhood education, to topics and strategies for an adult education program in the Church. (Dr. Anton Vrame/Robert Snyder)

+ Weaving Adult Education Into The Parish

St. Nektarios Parish in Charlotte, North Carolina has achieved the goal of integrating adult education into a successful overall catechetical program. Gerry Clonaris, Adult Religious Education Ministry Chairman at his parish as well as Chairman of the Archdiocesan Religious Education Committee, will explain how this was achieved, and discuss how parishes can do the same. (Gerry Clonaris)

+ Making Your Parish a Catechetical Powerhouse

Fr. Josiah will use St. Andrew Church, Riverside, California, as a case study on how to build a successful catechism and adult education program. St. Andrew Church has received more than 350 persons into the Church in the last 15 years. More than 100 attend adult education classes. Ideas will be shared

from years of experience. (Fr. Josiah Trenham)

Everywhere Present: Christianity & the One Storey Universe

Fr. Stephen is pastor and blogger of "Glory to God for All Things," that has averages over 1 million views per year. His book, *Everywhere Present* challenges the secular idea that God lives in a storey above us. Fr. Stephen shows the idea to be false by Orthodox spirituality, indicating several ways to find God around us each day. *Everywhere Present* has been a life-changing book for many people. Fr. Stephen will present a study guide for the use of his book as curriculum. (Fr. Stephen Freeman)

Introducing the Irenaea Course: A Practical Catechism of Orthodox Life

The Irenaea Course is a practical and sustained reflection on the human experience of God as understood in the Orthodox Church. The material is presented in ten sessions as a transfiguring way of life. As participants learn about the Church, they learn about themselves; as they discover what the Church is, they discover what they can become. The catechism is a work-in-progress--only the major segments are outlined. The course is for those who are intrigued by the premise and willing to wait, or educated by Fr. John's explanations during the session, willing to write their own lessons. (Fr. John Oliver)

An Introduction to God and Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy

In the popular book, *Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy*, Fr. Andrew traces the origins of the various Christian denominations and compares their belief systems with Orthodoxy. He also considers non-Christian religions. One reviewer said he approached this task, "with just enough detail." His second book, *An Introduction to God* is shorter, but just as interesting. Fr. Andrew will present ideas for using his books as adult education materials. (Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick)

Orthodox Smart Phones and More

Orthodox adult education is available to anyone who has access to a smart phone or a computer. Technology has provided

us with a multitude of websites, podcasts, videocasts, and YouTube. (Anestis Jordanoglou/Vasiliki Oldziej)

Where to Begin: Q&A, Dialogue and Discussion

Participants interested in adult education planning for their parish will have an opportunity to share their particular situations with one another, discuss possibilities, and receive assistance from Kevin Allen during this session. Kevin Allen is the keynote speaker for this event. (Kevin Allen)

Formal Continuing Education Opportunities

Fr. Sergius Halvorsen will give those looking into furthering their education, both formally and informally, a basic "how to" guide. He'll advise what qualities to look for in a program or institution and how to make a critical evaluation to find the right fit. Then Fr. Sergius and Bishop THOMAS will update you on the programs and institutions with which they are familiar. You'll also hear from others representing several other programs and colleges.

(Bishop THOMAS/Fr. Sergius Halvorsen)

CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR TRACK

The courses with an asterisk (*) are required for the Church School Director (CSD) Certificate.

* Introduction To Church School Ministry

This course introduces the Church School Director Manual designed by experienced directors to facilitate the management of church schools. The course is instructive as well as a platform for sharing. (Kh. Betty Randolph)

* Build Your Staff, Build Your Students

This course will cover positive techniques for recruiting qualified teachers and staff as well as boosting enrollment and attendance in church school programs. (Myra Kovalak)

* Curriculum & Resources for the CSD

Participants will receive information on grade-level standards and review resources that should be in the church

school library. Online resources will also be presented. (Mat. Anna Hughes)

Implementing The Creative Arts Festivals and Using A Theme Throughout the Year (Note: *The Creative Arts Festival is a program of the Antiochian Archdiocese*)

Attend the workshop and learn ways to implement the Creative Arts Festival in your parish. Receive lesson plans and ideas on using the theme during the year. (Rosemary Shumski)

TEACHER TRAINING TRACK

*Because many teachers have already taken Basic Teacher Training (TT I) classes at local events, we offer only Advanced Teacher Training (TT II) courses at the Institute at Antiochian Village. Completion of TT I is **not** required for TT II classes. (If your parish wishes to host a workshop for Basic Teacher Training, contact Mat. Myra Kovalak: mekovalak@gmail.com.)*

*Advanced Teacher Training is offered for two levels: **Elementary**, or **MS/HS**. The Elementary classes are marked with (!) and scheduled on Saturday. The MS/HS courses are indicated with (^) and scheduled on Friday. Each consists of three courses. In order to receive an Advanced Teacher Training Certificate, you must take all three.*

! Enriching the Classroom Experience
Teachers will be provided with the tools to instruct students in a variety of ways, based on multiple-intelligence theories. (Mat. Myra Kovalak)

! Child Development and the Exceptional Learner Child development theories will be presented and related to the child's ability to learn. The needs of the exceptional learner will be addressed. (Gail Meena Malaniak)

! ^ Creative Expression, Elementary & MS/HS It is time to claim our heritage and bring the arts into our teaching methods so that the children regularly mediate upon and internalize their faith. A variety of methods for both will be presented. (Helen Murray)

^ Adolescent Needs

The Church's position on current issues often diverges from current cultural views, and need to be discussed. What are the needs of adolescents, and what attitudes and techniques make confident and successful discussion leaders? (Fr. Christopher Rigden-Briscall)

^ Moral Issues Overview I & II

The Orthodox viewpoint on almost all moral issues, will be presented in a reference handout. A booklet dealing with teen issues will also be provided. Participants can bring up topics to discuss. Divided into two sections by popular demand. (Fr. George Alberts)