

ST MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH
CATECHISM PROGRAM
2021-2022

- 1) All classes will be on Saturday's at 3:30pm – 4:30pm – followed by Great Vespers.
- 2) In the spring some classes may need to be moved to another day due to baseball.
- 3) The first 16 classes (Parts 1 and 2) are required for Entrance into the Orthodox Church and are also open to anyone.
- 4) All required reading material is the responsibility of the student.

PART 1

Sept 4	The One True God
Sept 11	The Human Being
Sept 18	On Sin
Sept 25	Jesus Christ the Son of God
Sept 25	Jesus Christ the Savior
Oct 2	No Class
Oct 9	Repentance and Faith
Oct 16	The Holy Spirit
Oct 23	The Church and the Virgin Mary

Required Readings for part 1

The Orthodox Faith Vol. 1 – Doctrine and Scripture, Fr. Thomas Hopko, SVS Press
The Orthodox Faith Vol. 2 – Worship, Fr. Thomas Hopko, SVS Press
Gospel of St. Matthew and St. Mark

Part 2

Oct 30	The Mystery of Holy Baptism
Nov 6	The Mystery of Holy Chrismation
Nov 13	The Mystery of the Holy Eucharist
Nov 20	The Mystery of Holy Confession
Nov 27	The Mystery of the Holy Priesthood
Dec 4	The Mystery of Marriage
Dec 11	The Mystery of Holy Unction
Dec 18	Death and the Funeral

Required Readings for part 2

The Orthodox Faith Vol. 3 – Church History, Fr. Thomas Hopko, SVS Press
The Orthodox Faith Vol. 4 – Spirituality, Fr. Thomas Hopko, SVS Press
Gospel of St. Luke and St. John

Part 3

Jan 8	Church Tour – (The Iconostasis in particular)
Jan 15	Liturgical Cycle
Jan 22	Pascha Calculation and Celebration
Jan 29	Personal Prayer, Scripture and the Sanctification of Time
Feb 5	The Meaning of Icons
Feb 12	The Saints and St. Mary Magdalene
Feb 19	The King, The Prophet, The Priest
Feb 26	The OCA, and other “Jurisdictions” and Orthodox Unity
Mar 6	Parish History

Reading List

The Orthodox Church, Timothy Ware

Great Lent, Alexander Schmemmann

For the Life of the World, Alexander Schmemmann

The Orthodox Way, Kallistos Ware, SVS Press

The Living God (2 vol. set) SVS Press

The Incarnate God (2 Vol. Set), SVS Press

Know the Faith, A handbook for Orthodox Christians and Inquirers, Michael Shanbor, Ancient Faith Press

On the Incarnation, St. Athanasius, Popular Patristic Series, SVS Press

Celebration of Faith (3 vol. set) Vol. 3 in particular – The Virgin Mary, SVS Press

Christ the Conqueror of Hell, Archbishop Hilarion Alfeyev, SVS Press

If We Confess Our Sins, Preparation and Prayers, SVS Press

On the Church, St. Cyprian of Carthage, Popular Patristic Series, SVS Press

Lectures on Christian Sacraments, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Popular Patristic Series, SVS Press