

SYLLABUS
Orthodox Ecclesiology

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| CURRICULUM | Theology, Professional Higher Education, specialty Orthodox Theology |
| NAME OF THE COURSE | <i>Orthodox Ecclesiology</i> |
| CODE | RAK/4.06.04 |
| VOLUME OF STUDY | 3 ECTS |
| LECTURER | Rev. Dr. Demetrios Bathrellos |
| LEARNING OBJECTIVE | To become familiar with the development and the structure of the Orthodox Church as well as with the major trends in modern Orthodox Ecclesiology and the question of ecumenism |
| LEARNING OUTCOMES | To learn to understand, assess, and apply to Church life major ecclesiological insights derived from both the history of the Church and the contributions of modern Orthodox Ecclesiology |
| DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT, MAIN TOPICS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images of the Church encountered in the New Testament. • The formation of the Church in the first three centuries • The consolidation of fundamental Church structures in the Byzantine period. • Brief overview of the history of ecclesiology in the second millenium, it will focus on the contributions to Ecclesiology by modern Orthodox theologians, including Khomiakov, Afanassieff, Florovsky, and Zizioulas. • The question of primacy and conciliarity in the context of both inter-Orthodox relations but also with regard to the ecumenical dialogue with the Roman Catholics. |
| RECOMENDED PREREQUISITE COURSES | Introductory courses to Church History, Orthodox Dogmatics, Patrology. |
| DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT, MAIN TOPICS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Ignatiuse kirjad', Edvin Hiedel (ed.), <i>Apostlikud isad</i>, Eesti Keele Sihtasutus, 2003. • Nichols, Aidan, 'Nikolai Afanasiev and Ecclesiology', in idem, <i>Light from the East: Authors and Themes in Orthodox Theology</i> (London: Sheed & Word, 1995), pp. 114-28. • Afanassieff, Nicholas, 'The Church Which Presides in Love', in John Meyendorff (ed.), <i>The Primacy of Peter</i> (Crestwood, New York: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1992), pp. 91-143. • Romanides, John S., 'Orthodox Ecclesiology According to Alexis Khomiakov (1804-1860)', <i>Greek Orthodox Theological Review</i> 2 (1956), pp. 57-73. • Bathrellos, Demetrios 'Church, Eucharist, Bishop: The Early Church in the Ecclesiology of John Zizioulas', in Douglas Knight (ed.), <i>The Theology of John Zizioulas: Personhood and the Church</i> (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007), pp. 133-45. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathrellos, Demetrios, 'St Symeon of Thessalonica and the Question of the Primacy of the Pope', <i>Sobornost</i> 30 (2008), pp. 54-71. • Florovsky, Georges, 'The Catholicity of the Church', in idem, <i>Bible, Church, Tradition: An Eastern Orthodox View, Collected Works 1</i> (Belmont, Massachusetts: Norland, 1972), pp. 37-55. • Florovsky, Georges, 'The Church: Her Nature and Task', in idem, <i>Bible, Church, Tradition: An Eastern Orthodox View, Collected Works 1</i> (Belmont, Massachusetts: Norland, 1972), pp. 57-72. • Ware, Kallistos (Timothy), <i>The Orthodox Church</i> (London: Penguin, 1997), pp. 239-54, 274-97, and 307-27. • <i>Ecclesial Communion, Conciliarity, and Authority (The Ravenna Document)</i>, available at http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/ch_orthodox_docs/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_20071013_documento-ravenna_en.html • Jakim, Boris and Robert Bird (trans. and ed.), <i>On Spiritual Unity: A Slavophile Reader</i> (New York: Lindisfarne Books, 1998). • Bathrellos, Demetrios, 'Le Saint et Grand Concile: présentation et appréciation', <i>Contacts</i> 255 (2016), pp. 352-8. • Ware, Kallistos, "The Ravenna Document and the Future of Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue", <i>The Jurist</i> 69:2 (2009), pp. 766-89. • Zizioulas, John, "Christ, the Spirit and the Church", in idem, <i>Being as Communion: Studies in Personhood and the Church</i> (Crestwood, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1985), pp. 123-42. • Florovsky, Georges, 'The Doctrine of the Church and the Ecumenical Problem', <i>The Ecumenical Review</i> 2:2 (1950), pp. 152-61. |
| TEACHING METHODS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact-based study: 15 hours. • Preparatory readings before every course session • Attendance and participation in class discussion |
| ASSESSMENT METHODS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and active participation in classes and discussion. • Research paper. The students will write one twelve-page research paper (4,000 words), in which they will analyze and engage critically with one major topic of the course. |
| ASSESSMENT CRITERIA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraphs and subtitles of the paper correspond to the title. • The content of the paper is presented in an understandable manner. • The layout of the paper corresponds to the requirements of layout of an essay (including references in a correct manner). • Students' expressed opinions and conclusions are based on literary and historical facts. • The causal links that characterize the subject are clearly presented. |