

Teacher Information

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Class Schedule: Wednesdays 1:00 PM to 1:40 PM EST

Course Description

This course is designed to develop a love for the Holy Scriptures. By the end of the term God-willing, the Student will have read through all four Gospel accounts. Class time will be dedicated to student questions and discussions such as:

- The cultural setting
- The differences in the four accounts
- The meaning of the stories for our lives as Christians

Required Text (to be purchased by the parents/guardians)

- Any Bible, although The Orthodox Study Bible is preferred. (Sometimes having different translation is beneficial.)

Learning Objectives

Why the Bible?

Old Testament and New (Their differences and how they relate to each other)

Why FOUR Gospels? Who wrote them and why? Why has the church handed them down to us?

To love the Scriptures and to become lifelong readers

Teaching Methods

The bulk and heart of this course is that the students read all four of the Gospels. My approach is to simply aid the catechism that goes on in the family. There are no evaluations and no grades. While it may become evident to me through our class discussion who is reading and who isn't, I believe that this class is for the families, not the other way around. If students are not able to keep up, but the parents are satisfied that the student(s) is doing their best and are benefiting from the class, then I am happy. We will do our best to get through all four of the Gospels, but the main objective is the salvation of our children. And the habit and discipline of Bible reading benefits that goal.

Class time will be used to answer questions, giving context and general discussion.

Attendance

Again, this is the prerogative of the parents. Communication will be appreciated! God-willing, the sessions will be recorded and hopefully useful.

Classroom Expectations

1. Arrive to class on time
2. Be prepared
3. Respect your classmates and teacher
4. Give your all, all the time
5. Be responsible for your actions
6. No eating, drinking, cell phones, or extra electronics permitted during class time.

Class Requirements

The expectation is that the student will do their best to keep up with the assigned chapters and attempt to answer any questions given to them. I also ask the students to come up with one good question every week on the readings assigned. I will ask that this interaction be sent to me every Monday so I can prepare the discussion for Wednesday.