

MOVING INTO STUDY

An orientation session will be held at the Centre for Theology and Ministry (CTM) 1 Morrison Close, Parkville at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 5 February 2008. The UFT Dean will be present from 5:30 pm to discuss and take enrolments. In order to enrol students will need an original or certified copy of their birth certificate, passport or other proof of citizenship, VCE or matriculation certificate (not required for those over 21), and originals or certified copies of any tertiary awards.

UNITS ON OFFER 2008

FIRST SEMESTER

IMMIGRATION AND ORTHODOX CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA (AR/DR255/55)

The unit will focus on two interrelated topics:

An historical and sociological overview of the immigration and settlement of Orthodox Christians in Australia, with specific reference to the role of the Orthodox churches in these processes.

An overview of the concept and processes of religious settlement with specific reference to the establishment and development of Orthodox religious communities in Australia.

Time: Tuesday evenings: 6.30 - 9.30 pm
Lecturer: *Dr Trevor Batrouney*

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX SPIRITUAL LIFE (DS 145.15)

This is an introductory unit presenting Orthodox spiritual life through an exploration of its goals: repentance and forgiveness, purity of heart, and sanctification (especially through a study of the doctrine of theosis or divinization, and other dogmatic teachings). Attention will be given to the Orthodox understanding of

the life of prayer, the place of the Scriptures and the Sacraments, the veneration of icons, the saints and virtues, asceticism, virginity and monasticism, discipleship and service.

Time: Thursday evenings: 6.30 - 9.30 pm
Lecturer: *Dr Heshmat Keroloss*

SECOND SEMESTER

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY: THE FORMATIVE YEARS OF THE CHURCH (CH 115.15)

This unit explores the history and development of the Christian Church in the Roman Empire between the time of the apostles and the end of the persecution of the Church. The subject is treated keeping in mind the progressive development of an Orthodox understanding of events and work of the Holy Fathers of the first two centuries. Learning Outcomes: To understand the development of the Christian Faith from Pentecost to Nicaea. To understand the nature of the conflict between the Roman State religion and Christianity

Time: Tuesday evenings: 6.30 - 9.30 pm
Lecturer: *Fr Michael Protopopov*

ORTHODOX SPIRITUAL LIFE (DS 285.15) (DS 385.15)

This unit studies the theological foundations of Orthodox spiritual life, covering the following themes:

- **Creation:** in the image and likeness of God
- **Salvation:** God's work for restoring fallen humans and reconciling them to Himself
- **The Incarnation:** of the Son of God and its effect on human beings.
- **Sanctification:** the work of the Holy Spirit in conveying and fulfilling Jesus' salvific work; the knowledge of God, the vision of God; Theosis (divinization).

Time: Thursday evenings: 6.30 - 9.30 pm
Lecturer: *Dr Heshmat Keroloss*

ENROLMENTS

The above units are offered by the United Faculty of Theology, as a teaching institution of the Melbourne College of Divinity. Students may take these units for academic credit at undergraduate or graduate level. Students may also audit classes. Audit students pay a lower fee and attend classes but do not gain credit. Details of fees and other information are available online at www.uft.unimelb.edu.au or in the UFT Handbook, available from the UFT office (telephone (03) 9340 8890) after 24 January 2008.

ORTHODOX SEMINARS

MIOCS offers and supports occasional seminars when suitable visitors are passing through Melbourne. The dates and times of these seminars will be advertised widely.

IMPORTANT DATES 2008

Thur 24 January	UFT office opens
Thur 14 February	Final enrolment day for all first semester units
Thur 24 February	Study Skills Workshops at the Centre for Theology and Ministry
Mon 25 February	Semester 1 classes commence.
Mon Mar 17 to Fri 21 Mar	NON-TEACHING WEEK -WESTERN EASTER
Mon 31 Mar Mon 21 Apr to Fri 25 Apr Fri 30 May	Classes resume Orthodox Holy week NON-TEACHING WEEK End of teaching seminar

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IMPORTANT DATES (continued)

Mon 21 July	Second semester classes commence
Mon 15 Sept to Fri 26 Sept	NON-TEACHING WEEKS
Mon 29 Sept	Classes resume
Fri 24 Oct	End of teaching seminar

Glory be to God for all things

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APPLICATIONS and INFORMATION

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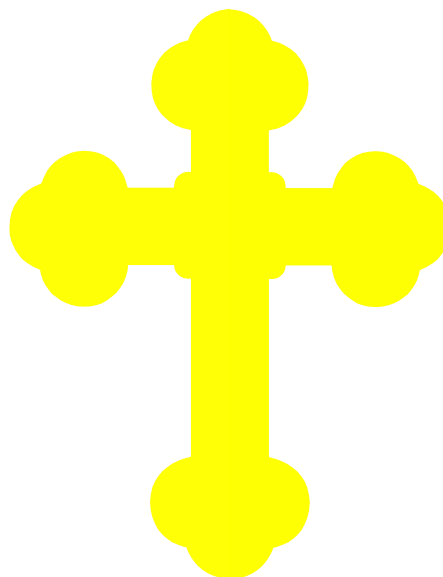
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