

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX SEMINARY  
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## MISSION

The mission of Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary is to serve the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia by preparing students for service to the Church.

This is accomplished by training students in disciplines which are preparatory for active service to the Church as clergy, monastics, choir directors and cantors, iconographers, and lay leaders.

As the only Seminary within the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, the Seminary opens its doors annually to applicants not only from the United States but from abroad, thereby serving its mission to serve parishes in all corners of the world.

Many members of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia are now primarily English-speaking, and the English language has gained prominence as an international language. Therefore, Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary has risen to meet this need of our Church by offering instruction in English to English-speaking seminarians.

The Seminary emphasizes the importance of spiritual life in theological education. Active participation in the life of the monastery, on whose premises the seminary is located, allows students to experience firsthand the spiritual depth of the Orthodox Church and gives future clergy a rare opportunity of gaining a thorough foundation and experience of the Orthodox liturgical life.

Finally, the Seminary strives to preserve the high scholarly standards, teaching, and traditions of the Russian Orthodox Church.

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*His Eminence, Hilarion, Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York,  
First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia*

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# CALENDAR 2012-2013

## *First Semester*

## *Gregorian Calendar*

<i>Placement Exams</i>	<i>Sept. 6-7</i>
<i>St. Job</i>	<i>Sept. 10</i>
<i>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i>	<i>Sept. 11</i>
<i>Beginning of Classes</i>	<i>Sept. 12</i>
<i>Nativity of the Theotokos</i>	<i>Sept. 21</i>
<i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>	<i>Sept. 27</i>
<i>Protection of the Mother of God</i>	<i>Oct. 14</i>
<i>Kazan Icon</i>	<i>Nov. 4</i>
<i>Autumn holiday</i>	<i>Nov. 19-23</i>
<i>Entrance of the Theotokos</i>	<i>Dec. 4</i>
<i>End of Classes</i>	<i>Dec. 14</i>
<i>Beginning of Exams</i>	<i>Dec. 17</i>
<i>St. Nicholas</i>	<i>Dec. 19</i>

## *Second semester*

<i>Beginning of Classes</i>	<i>Jan. 21</i>
<i>Three Hierarchs</i>	<i>Feb. 12</i>
<i>Meeting of the Lord</i>	<i>Feb. 15</i>
<i>First week of Great Lent</i>	<i>March 18-22</i>
<i>End of Classes</i>	<i>April 26</i>
<i>Passion week</i>	<i>April 29-May 4</i>
<i>Pascha</i>	<i>May 5</i>
<i>Bright Week</i>	<i>May 6-10</i>
<i>Beginning of exams</i>	<i>May 13</i>
<i>St. Nicholas</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<i>Commencement</i>	<i>May 26</i>
<i>Ascension</i>	<i>June 13</i>
<i>Pentecost</i>	<i>June 23</i>

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*The V. Rev. Archimandrite Luke (Murianka),  
Rector of Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary*



# CALENDAR 2013-2014

## *First Semester*

## *Gregorian Calendar*

<i>Placement Exams</i>	<i>Sept. 5-6</i>
<i>Beginning of Classes</i>	<i>Sept. 9</i>
<i>St. Job</i>	<i>Sept. 10</i>
<i>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i>	<i>Sept. 11</i>
<i>Nativity of the Theotokos</i>	<i>Sept. 21</i>
<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	<i>Sept. 27</i>
<i>Protection of the Mother of God</i>	<i>Oct. 14</i>
<i>Kazan Icon</i>	<i>Nov. 4</i>
<i>Autumn holiday</i>	<i>Nov. 25-29</i>
<i>Entrance of the Theotokos</i>	<i>Dec. 4</i>
<i>End of Classes</i>	<i>Dec. 13</i>
<i>Beginning of Exams</i>	<i>Dec. 16</i>
<i>St. Nicholas</i>	<i>Dec. 19</i>

## *Second semester*

<i>Beginning of Classes</i>	<i>Jan. 20</i>
<i>Three Hierarchs</i>	<i>Feb. 12</i>
<i>Meeting of the Lord</i>	<i>Feb. 15</i>
<i>First week of Great Lent</i>	<i>March 3-7</i>
<i>Passion week</i>	<i>April 14-19</i>
<i>Pascha</i>	<i>April 20</i>
<i>Bright Week</i>	<i>April 21-26</i>
<i>Continuation of Classes</i>	<i>April 28</i>
<i>End of Classes</i>	<i>May 9</i>
<i>Beginning of exams</i>	<i>May 12</i>
<i>St. Nicholas</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<i>Commencement</i>	<i>May 25</i>
<i>Ascension</i>	<i>May 30</i>
<i>Pentecost</i>	<i>June 8</i>



*The Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God*

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## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX SEMINARY

Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary is an institution of higher learning under the jurisdiction of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia. The Seminary offers a five-year program of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Theology (HEGIS 2301), and operates under an Absolute Charter from and is accredited by the Commissioner for Education and the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

The Seminary is located near New York's historic Mohawk Valley, one mile north of the village of Jordanville, within a triangle formed by Cooperstown, Utica, and Albany. It was founded in 1948 under the auspices of Holy Trinity Monastery; the Seminary's life continues to be intimately interwoven with that of the Monastery.

The Seminary was first established as a school for the young members of the monastic brotherhood, but thanks to the untiring efforts of its founders, Archbishop Vitaly (Maksimenko) and Dean Nicholas Alexander, the Seminary has grown into a theological school for Orthodox Christian students from all over the world.



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## STUDENT LIFE

As students of Orthodox theology, seminarians are subject to a discipline that is not only academic, but in some respects also monastic. Students participate in daily church services together with the monastic brotherhood and the local Orthodox community. Singing in the choir and serving in the altar are considered to be important aspects of the students' preparation for the priesthood.

The seminarians' day normally begins with Divine Liturgy at 6:00 a.m.



After breakfast, classes are held from 8:00 a.m. until noon. In the afternoon, the students participate in various aspects of monastery obediences, or use the time for their individual studies. In the evening, after supper, students and the monastic brotherhood gather for Small Compline. Evenings after 10:00 p.m. silence is observed in the student dormitory.

Students take their meals in the monastery refectory, together with the monastic brotherhood, listening to the readings of the lives of Saints, read during lunch and dinner. Meat and poultry are not served in the monastery, and all the fasts of the Orthodox Church are observed.

The Seminary is an enclosed institution of higher learning; students do not leave monastery or seminary grounds without a blessing. However, students are free to leave for scheduled vacations. Those students who remain in the monastery during the summer months actively participate in monastery activities.

Seminary students attend daily church services, attend all classes for which they are registered, and fulfill duties assigned by the seminary's administration. A more extensive

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overview of students' responsibilities is found in the "Rules for Seminary Life." Seminary students are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner in keeping with their vocation both inside and outside of the monastery.

The Seminary expects adherence to prescribed rules and regulations. It is presumed that the students have come to the Seminary for the purpose of preparing themselves to serve the Orthodox Church; unbecoming conduct is inconsistent with that aim. The Seminary reserves the right to suspend, expel, or refuse to register any student whose academic standing, conduct, or attendance are unsatisfactory.



## ADMISSIONS

Since the Seminary is a traditional theological college, the main requirement for admission is the applicant's sincere desire to serve the Orthodox Church. Only with this motivation will the applicant appreciate the opportunities for learning and growth offered by the Seminary.

Application materials for admission to the Seminary may be obtained by contacting:

*Office of Admissions  
Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary  
PO Box 36*

*Jordanville, N. Y. 13361  
(315) 858-0945*

*or by sending an e-mail request to [info@hts.edu](mailto:info@hts.edu).*

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The Seminary accepts applications from Orthodox Christians.

*The following must be submitted to the Office of Admissions:*

1. Completed Application Form.
2. Birth certificate (photocopy).
3. Baptismal certificate (photocopy).
4. Official transcripts from all secondary schools and institutions of higher learning attended.
5. Recommendation of spiritual father (to be sent directly to the Seminary by the spiritual father).
6. Recommendation of diocesan bishop if the applicant is not a member of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.
7. Completed certificate of medical examination.
8. Two recent photographs (passport size).
9. Autobiography.
10. Application fee (non-refundable). For international students: \$40. For students living in the United States: \$20. Please send a money order in US dollars.

The Office of Admissions must receive all of the above documents for the Bachelor's program by May 1; otherwise the application may be deferred until the following academic year. Applications for the Certificate program may be sent in at any time, but a decision may be deferred until beginning of the following semester. The decision of the Admissions Committee will be communicated to the applicant by mail. Applicants who reside outside the US will be sent all necessary documents to obtain a student visa.

All subjects are conducted in Russian and English. It is not necessary to acquire a basic knowledge of Russian prior to entering the Seminary's regular academic program, although it is very helpful and strongly recommended. Classes in the first and second years are conducted in English.

At the beginning of each academic year all incoming students must take an entrance examination. The entrance examination will examine the applicant's knowledge of subjects taught in the first and second year of Seminary. Placement of new students will be determined entirely by the results of entrance exams and documents supplied by students. Students who have taken courses at other accredited institutions that correspond to courses offered at Holy Trinity Seminary must supply official transcripts to the Office of Admissions with their application in order to transfer applicable credits. After completion of entrance exams students may be exempted from attending certain classes.

The Seminary cannot provide housing for married students. Students with families must obtain housing independently.

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Those students who arrive on student visas must keep in mind that they are not permitted to hold outside employment while in the US. Therefore they must be able to provide the necessary funds to cover all expenses, including medical care. It is highly recommended that students obtain medical coverage before arriving at the Seminary. The Monastery and Seminary are not responsible for students' personal expenses.

Students are given the opportunity to pay part of their tuition by performing various Monastery obediences; however, neither the Monastery nor the Seminary can provide salaried student employment.

Seminarians arriving in the US on a student visa must return to their native country after completion of their studies. This also applies to those who withdraw from the Seminary before graduating. Applicants already in the United States on a visitor's visa must either return to their country of origin to obtain a student visa or themselves arrange their change of status.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. A student who is absent from class for any reason assumes responsibility for making up the work he has missed. Absences are reflected on the student's final grade as follows. Four unexcused absences from any one course will result in the loss of one half a letter mark, e.g., "A" becomes "A-." Seven unexcused absences will result in the loss of one full letter mark, e.g., "A" becomes "B." Additional unexcused absences will affect a student's grade as outlined above. Students who experience academic difficulties, fall ill, or have other concerns relating to their course of studies, should consult the Dean.



The Seminary reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student whose academic work falls below expected standards. The same applies to students who continuously ignore Seminary rules and regulations, or whose continuing presence interferes with the well-being either of others, or with the community as a whole.

## CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAM

Holy Trinity Seminary does not offer a separate correspondence program leading to the degree of Bachelor in Theology, but students do have the option of completing part of the course load through correspondence studies. For graduation, a minimum of half of the course load needs to be completed on campus in full-time studies.

## COURSE AUDITING

Anyone who wishes to audit a course needs to obtain approval of the Dean and the course instructor. A person may register as an auditor, provided he complies with the Seminary's entrance requirements. Auditors are expected to attend all regular classes of the courses they are auditing. Courses audited are not included in determining total credits earned and the auditor is not expected to take the final examination of the course that he is auditing. There is a fee for audited courses (see tuition).

## SEMINARY YEAR

The academic year begins around September 10. At the end of each semester, all examinations are held according to a published schedule. Thanksgiving vacation occurs during Thanksgiving week; Nativity vacation occurs between the Feasts of Nativity and Theophany; the Paschal vacation is held during Bright Week. There are no classes on major feast days of the Orthodox Church when students are expected to participate in festal services. These days, however, are not regarded as free time nor as an opportunity for travel away from the Seminary. During the first week of Great Lent, and during Passion Week, regular classes are not held; all students participate in and attend the divine services, which occupy the major portion of each of these weeks.

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## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Degrees are awarded annually at the close of the spring semester. Degrees will be awarded only upon successful completion of the following requirements:

1. The student must have maintained a grade point average of at least 2.0 (C average).
2. Successful completion of the comprehensive examinations.
3. A thesis must have been presented at the end of the course of studies, totaling no less than thirty pages on a theological or related subject that has been approved by the Dean and the assigned course advisor.
4. A certificate from the Librarian stating that all library books have been returned must have been received by the Dean's office.
5. Each year students receive grades in Practical Liturgics, which determine the level of active participation in attendance of church services. Satisfactory grades are necessary for graduation.
6. All debts for tuition and room and board must have been paid.

## GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Grade Points
A (Excellent).....	4.0..... 98–100
A-.....	3.7..... 95–97
B+.....	3.3..... 92–94
B (Good).....	3.0..... 88–91
B-.....	2.7..... 85–87
C+.....	2.3..... 82–84
C (Average).....	2.0..... 78–81
C-.....	1.7..... 75–77
D+.....	1.3..... 72–74
D (Pass).....	1.0..... 68–71
D- (Lowest Passing Grade).....	0.7..... 65–67
F (Failure).....	0.0..... 00–64
Inc (Incomplete).....	0.0
W (Withdrawal).....	0.0

Only credits compatible with seminary courses will be considered for transfer and counted towards a degree.

A grade of 'Incomplete' (Inc) may remain on a student's record for one semester following the semester in which it was received. In cases when course requirements have not been satisfactorily fulfilled by the end of that time, an 'Incomplete' (Inc) automatically becomes a 'Failure' (F).





If at the end of the first semester of a student's first year in seminary academic performance is unsatisfactory, consideration will be given either to placing him on probation for the following semester or requiring him to withdraw from the Seminary. In cases when students are placed on probation, further advancement will depend on overall performance for the whole year.

The Registrar's Office issues transcripts on request for a fee of \$5.00 per transcript. Although a student may request an unofficial copy for his own use, official transcripts are issued directly to other academic institutions. Requests for transcripts are not accepted by telephone. Written requests must include the following information: legal name, date of birth, place of birth, dates of attendance, date of graduation. All transcript requests need to be signed and dated. Transcript request forms can be obtained in the administrative offices. Transcripts will not be issued until the student has met all outstanding financial obligations to the seminary.

## REPORTING OF GRADES

A grade report is issued to all students at the end of each semester by the Dean's office. Academic advising to students whose progress falls below average is offered by the Dean as well as course instructors.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The learning environment at Holy Trinity Seminary is intended to be one of trust. Students are expected to adhere to academic conduct that honors this trust and respects the integrity of the academic community. Cheating, plagiarism, or collusion are unacceptable. Suspected violations of academic integrity will be handled by the Dean's office and, if warranted, by the Pedagogical Council, and may result in penalties up to and including expulsion from Seminary. Written warnings after the first two violations of this policy will be kept in students' personal files, with expulsion possible after the third infraction.

## TUITION AND FEES

Seminary fees for the Bachelor of Theology program are \$5,500.00 (U.S.D.) per year. This amount includes \$3,000.00 for tuition fees, which must be paid at the time of registration, and an additional \$2,500.00 for room and board. The charge for room and board, however, may be commuted by work for the monastery during the academic year. An additional fee of \$50.00 is levied for late registration. \$25.00 is charged for placement examinations. Auditors are charged \$375.00 for each audited course (per academic year), not to exceed the amount of regular tuition (\$3,000.00) per year. The approximate cost for books and other supplies is estimated at \$200.00 per semester. The cost of the certificate program is \$150 per course, not including course materials. The schedule of fees is as follows: \$200 is due at the beginning of each "semester" (\$50 per course), and \$100 per final exam is due when the student arrives to take the exams.

## WORK/STUDY PROGRAM

Seminarians who are involved in the work/study program are required to submit 300 hours during the course of the academic year. Participation in obediences as part of the work/study program provides students with work experience which, in some cases, involves the learning of new skills that may be useful in future careers.

Possibilities include: iconography, icon mounting, printing, library science, archival methods, bee-keeping, carpentry, bookbinding, translating, assistant teaching, choir directing, and journalism.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded by the administration on the basis of academic status of applicants and their financial situation. All scholarships are awarded directly through the seminary. As a rule, only seminarians that have successfully completed their first year of study at the seminary are eligible for scholarships. Students must be enrolled full-time and be in good standing.

*The following scholarships are available:*

1. Metropolitan Philaret Scholarship.
2. Ivan V. Koulaieff Educational Fund.
3. Holy Trinity Seminary Scholarship.
4. The Smerznak, Medak & Kidwell Scholarship Fund
5. The Fund For Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

## WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

Students withdrawing from seminary studies during the semester, must notify the Office of the Dean in writing, stating the reasons for withdrawal. Refunds of tuition and fees will be made according to the following schedule. The date of filing of the notification with the Office of the Dean will be regarded as the official date of withdrawal from the Seminary.

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*Withdrawal notification received by Dean's Office:*

First week of class.....	80% refund
Second week.....	60% refund
Third week.....	40% refund
Fourth week.....	20% refund
Fees are not refunded after the fourth week.	

Classes may be dropped before October 1st without academic penalty. In clearly established cases of good cause necessitating a postponement of the normal academic program, a leave of absence may be granted or required by the Dean in consultation with the Rector for a period not exceeding two years.

A student returning from a leave of absence must contact the dean prior to September 15th for re-registration in the fall semester.

A student returning from a medical leave of absence must submit a signed statement from his medical practitioner certifying that he is able to resume full-time attendance at Holy Trinity Seminary.

## DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Breaches of discipline, moral lapses, insubordination to authority, or action contrary to the best interests of the community and Seminary may lead to probation in the form of a written warning from the disciplinary committee. Two unheeded warnings may result in expulsion. If the breach is serious, an immediate dismissal may be the result. The senior members of the staff are responsible for administering discipline within the Seminary. A student contesting a grade, evaluation, or disciplinary decision is encouraged to speak first with the responsible instructor or official. If the issue cannot be resolved in such a manner, the student may then address his concern to the Dean's office. If the issue still remains unresolved, the Pedagogical Council will review the matter for a final determination.

## TERMINATION

A student's relationship with the Seminary may be terminated for the following reasons:

1. Failure to maintain a satisfactory academic record.
2. Lack of aptitude or personal fitness to serve the Church.
3. Behavior that violates generally acknowledged canons and standards of scholarship or professional practice.
4. Behavior that is disruptive to the educational process.

The Seminary reserves the right to withhold a degree from a candidate where there is compelling evidence of serious moral misconduct, or while disciplinary actions are pending.



## GRADUATION HONORS

Upon recommendation of the Pedagogical Council a student may be graduated with the distinction Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude. For the distinction Cum Laude a graduate must have a cumulative grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.74; for the distinction Magna Cum Laude a graduate must have a cumulative grade point average of between 3.75 and 3.89; for the distinction Summa Cum Laude a graduate must have a cumulative grade point average of between 3.9 and 4.0. The cumulative grade point average is arrived at by dividing the total number of quality grade points earned, by the total number of credit hours. The final appropriate honors awarded will be added to the student's transcript after commencement. Transfer students will constitute a special category with regard to honors at graduation: their designation for honors will be based solely on work completed at the Seminary.



## DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

### **RUSSIAN I 101 (102) 6 (6) CREDITS**

Intensive study of Russian morphology and phonetics. Elementary reading, writing and conversation.

### **RUSSIAN II 201 (202) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Continuation of Russian I. Intermediate reading, writing and conversation. Readings of selected passages in classical Russian literature followed by analysis of texts. Syntax and advanced composition.

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**CHURCH SLAVONIC I 105 (106) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Introduction to Church Slavonic alphabet and numerical system. Vocabulary. Practice in reading with occasional reference to English and Russian translations to develop comprehension.

**CHURCH SLAVONIC II 205 (206) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Study of morphology and syntax. Readings of selected passages from the Prologue, Holy Scripture, as well as the Holy Fathers. Emphasis is placed on translation.

**ENGLISH 107 (108) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Intensive review of English grammar. Composition and elements of style. Syntactic analysis of texts; comprehension and vocabulary building.

**ESL 107E (108E)**

This course is for Russian speakers who do not speak English. The course is therefore designed for beginners.

**CHURCH MUSIC I 111 (112) 1 (1) CREDIT**

Elementary musicianship. Memorization of the eight tones. Basic principles of voice production.

**CHURCH MUSIC II 211 (212) 1 (1) CREDIT**

Musicianship. Church choir conducting. Square notation. Memorization of special melodies (podobny). Survey of the history of sacred music with emphasis on style and practice of the Russian Church.

**RUSSIAN HISTORY I 121 (122) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Russian history from its beginning to Peter I. Emphasis on the Tartar yoke, Time of Troubles, development of the Moscow state. Russian history from Peter I to the 1917 Revolution. The Civil War. Impact of the Revolution on the Russian people and culture. Discussions on the Russian diaspora.

**PRINCIPLES OF ORTHODOXY 149 (150) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Introduction to the divine services. Survey of sacred history and basic catechism. Study of daily prayers and the basic elements of spiritual life.

**NEW TESTAMENT GREEK 209 (210) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Essentials of New Testament Greek: grammar, vocabulary, and translation of texts. Attention also given to Liturgical use of Greek.

**NEW TESTAMENT GREEK 309 (310) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Continuation of New Testament Greek 209/210. Essentials of New Testament Greek: grammar, vocabulary, and translation of texts. Attention also given to Liturgical use of Greek.

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**OLD TESTAMENT II 331 (332) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Study of the Old Testament's instructional and prophetic books. Liturgical use. Messianism. Patristic exegesis and interpretation.

**RUSSIAN LITERATURE I 315 (316) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Survey of medieval Russian literature from the baptism of Russia to Peter I. 18th century writers. Literary works of both secular and Church writers are studied.

**RUSSIAN LITERATURE II 415 (416) 3 (3) CREDITS**

19th century writers. Major literary trends of the period. Emphasis on Gogol, Pushkin, Dostoyevsky, Lermontov, Tolstoy, etc.

**CHURCH HISTORY I 323 (324) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Development of New Testament Church based on the Book of Acts. Christian Church under Roman persecutions. The seven Ecumenical Councils and the Schism. The Constantinopolitan Patriarchate.

**CHURCH HISTORY II 419 (420) 2 (2) CREDITS**

The Church from the fall of Constantinople to the present time. Orthodoxy and Papal expansion. Church-state relations. Reformation. Eastern Churches after the fall of Constantinople.

**RUSSIAN CHURCH HISTORY I 325 (326) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Survey of sources of Russian Church history. Baptism of Russia. Kievan State. Tartar yoke. Division of the Russian Church. Moscow Patriarchate. Establishment of the Patriarch in Moscow.

**RUSSIAN CHURCH HISTORY II 423 (424) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Holy Synod and Imperial period. Russian Church and the Revolution of 1917. Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia.

**NEW TESTAMENT I 333 (334) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Introduction to the Gospels. Interpretation and individual peculiarities. Detailed chronological study of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as related by the four evangelists.

**NEW TESTAMENT II 433 (434) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Study of the Book of Acts, Epistles, and Revelation. Authors, purpose, and time of writing. Historical background.

**LITURGICS I 341 (342) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Introduction to the divine services; cycles of the Church year, church structure, clerical vestments, order of services. Major liturgical writers. The development and present-day form of matins, vespers, vigil service and hours.

**LITURGICS II 441 (442) 2 (2) CREDITS**

The Divine Liturgy. Its formation and present structure. Lenten and Paschal services. Sacraments. The Book of Needs.

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**PATROLOGY I 435 (436) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Study of Apostolic Fathers. Apologists. Major Fathers of the fourth century: their works, biography, teachings, and influence.

**PATROLOGY II 535 (536) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Study of ascetical writers. Rise of monasticism. Fathers of the Byzantine period. Late Byzantine and Russian fathers up to the present day.

**DOGMATIC THEOLOGY I 451 (452) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Introduction to dogmatic theology. The dogma of faith, sources of dogma. Outline of Orthodox Christian theology.

**DOGMATIC THEOLOGY II 551 (552) 2 (2) CREDITS**

The Church of Christ on earth. The Sacraments. Prayer. New movements in Russian theology in the light of the Orthodox Christian faith.

**PASTORAL THEOLOGY I 453 (454) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Traditional pastoral teaching. The ideal pastor: his duties and problems. Relationship between pastor and parish.

**PASTORAL THEOLOGY II / 553 (554) 3 (3) CREDITS**

Preparation of students for pastoral service in a parish.

**HOMILETICS 559 (560) 1 (1) CREDIT**

Study of different forms of sermons, as well as hallmarks of Orthodox patristic oratory.

**CANON LAW 525 (526) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Fundamentals of Orthodox canon law. Introduction to: Orthodox ecclesiology, the Sacrament of marriage, and the Church court.

**MORAL THEOLOGY 555 (556) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Dogmatic principles of moral theology: moral law, virtue, sin, the Church. Christian obligations to self, family, neighbor, and the state.

**COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY 557 (558) 2 (2) CREDITS**

Introduction to Comparative Theology. Study and evaluation of major denominations and sects.

**APOLOGETICS 561 (562) 1 (1) CREDIT**

Defense of fundamental teaching of the Orthodox faith. Substance of religion, existence of God, immortality of the soul, revelation, the essence of Christianity.

**PHILOSOPHY 2 (2) CREDITS**

Introduction to philosophy. Emphasis on ancient philosophers and on 19th century Russian religious philosophy.

*Courses are subject to change without notice.*

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# CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

## LITURGICAL MUSIC

A certificate program in liturgical music (HEGIS 5610) is offered annually in the summer, usually during the first weeks of July. The full course of studies consists of three summer sessions, at the end of which graduates are certified as church choir directors and/or readers.

A non-certification track is offered to those who seek enrichment in the area of Russian Orthodox music and do not intend to become choir directors.

Course offerings are as follows:

- History of Russian Church Music
- Music Theory and Musicianship
- Choir Conducting Techniques and Practicum
- Voice Class
- Liturgical Performance Practice
- Church Slavonic
- Liturgics for Choir Directors

*For more detailed information write to [musicschool@msn.com](mailto:musicschool@msn.com)*

## THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The seminary offers a certificate program in Theology (HEGIS 5623). This program consists of four semesters of independent study. It is geared towards men as well as women who wish to broaden their theological knowledge, but are unable to attend the full course of study at the seminary.



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The following courses are offered through this program:

*FIRST SEMESTER*

**PRINCIPLES OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH (149C)**

Introduction to the divine services. Survey of sacred history and basic catechism. Study of daily prayers and the basic elements of spiritual life.

**OLD TESTAMENT (231C)**

Introduction to the study of the Holy Scriptures. Scripture and Tradition. Pentateuch and historical books.

**NEW TESTAMENT (333C)**

Introduction to the Gospels. Interpretation and individual peculiarities. Detailed chronological study of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as related by the four evangelists.

**LITURGICS (341C)**

Introduction to the divine services; cycles of the Church year, church structure, clerical vestments, order of services. Major liturgical writers. The development and present-day form of matins, vespers, vigil service and hours.

*SECOND SEMESTER*

**OLD TESTAMENT (331C)**

Study of the Old Testament's instructional and prophetic books. Liturgical use. Messianism. Patristic exegesis and interpretation.

**NEW TESTAMENT (433C)**

Study of the Book of Acts, Epistles, and Revelation. Authors, purpose, and time of writing. Historical background.

**LITURGICS (441C)**

The Divine Liturgy. Its formation and present structure. Lenten and Paschal services. Sacraments. The Book of Needs.

**COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY (557C)**

Introduction to comparative theology. Study and evaluation of major denominations and sects.

*THIRD SEMESTER*

**PATROLOGY (435C)**

Study of Apostolic Fathers. Apologists. Major Fathers of the fourth century: their works, biography, teachings, and influence.

**DOGMAIC THEOLOGY (451C)**

Introduction to Dogmatic Theology. The dogma of faith, sources of dogma. Outline of Orthodox Christian theology.

**PASTORAL THEOLOGY (453C)**

Traditional pastoral teaching. The ideal pastor: his duties and problems. Relationship between pastor and parish.

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**CANON LAW (525C)**

Fundamentals of Orthodox Canon Law. Introduction to: Orthodox ecclesiology, the Sacrament of marriage, and the Church court.

*FOURTH SEMESTER***CANON LAW (526C)**

A continuation of 525C. Fundamentals of Orthodox Canon Law. Introduction to: Orthodox ecclesiology, the Sacrament of marriage, and the Church court.

**PATROLOGY (535C)**

Study of ascetical writers. Rise of monasticism. Fathers of the Byzantine period. Late Byzantine and Russian fathers up to the present day.

**DOGMATIC THEOLOGY (551C)**

The Church of Christ on earth. The Sacraments. Prayer. New movements in Russian theology in the light of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

**MORAL THEOLOGY (555C)**

Dogmatic principles of moral theology: moral law, virtue, sin, the Church. Christian obligations to self, family, neighbor, and the state.

At the beginning of each semester students will be mailed course syllabi, with essay topics, book lists and study guides. Textbooks may be obtained through the monastery bookstore by contacting the monastery office at (315) 858-3817 or by e-mail at [bookstore@jordanville.org](mailto:bookstore@jordanville.org)

Certificate students are expected to attend exam sessions at the Seminary twice a year. Before admittance to exams students submit course papers to the Seminary office. See above for course fees.

Ideally, a student will complete four courses in a semester. If this is not possible, then a minimum of four courses must be completed in the course of one year in order to remain in matriculation. After successful completion of four "semesters," students are awarded a Certificate in Theological Studies. The application process is the same for certificate students as it is for full-time students, except that a student may apply at any time, and begin either in the fall or in the spring.

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## LIBRARY, ARCHIVES, MUSEUM THE FOUNDATION OF RUSSIAN HISTORY

Library, Archival and Museum collections are managed by the Foundation of Russian History. The Foundation's mission includes stewardship of the academic and cultural resources housed in the library, archives and museum.

The library currently holds over 40,000 cataloged volumes as well as approximately 20,000 still lacking electronic bibliographic description. The library subscribes to

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roughly 50 current periodicals and, combined with the collection of periodicals housed in the archives, has a significant research collection relating to Russian Orthodoxy and the history of the Russian emigration. The library serves the needs of the Seminary's faculty, students, and adjacent monastic brotherhood as well as the immediate Russian Orthodox community.

About half of the print collection is Russian or Slavic, approximately half of which is considered unique, and includes rare pre-revolutionary theological, historical and other titles as well as interwar émigré publications. The collection concentrates on all areas of Slavic and Orthodox studies.

Access to the archival collections is limited, and needs to be approved by the Curator. Approximately one-third of the archives has been microfilmed and is available for use by researchers within the Research Reading Room.

The library is open Monday through Friday from 2:00-4:00 pm, except for Orthodox feast days.

Applications for access to collections and research queries should be directed to the Curator. Catalog and Periodical queries, as well as Interlibrary loan requests, should be directed to the Library Manager (see pp. 11 for contact info).

## LECTURE SERIES AND COLLOQUIA

Holy Trinity Seminary frequently features guest speakers and hosts regular academic colloquia, which usually take place in the early fall. The conferences deal with subjects



related to Orthodox Theology and the broader field of Russian Studies. Leading scholars from around the world participate alongside the faculty and students of the Seminary. The proceedings of the colloquia are published in Readings in

Russian Religious Culture. Information regarding Holy Trinity's annual colloquium is available on the Seminary website. Readings in Russian Culture may be ordered from the Seminary office.

# HOW TO REACH THE SEMINARY

Physical address:

***1407 Robinson Road  
Jordanville, NY 13361***

*By air:*

SYRACUSE AIRPORT–Taxi to Syracuse bus depot (about a 10-minute ride). Bus to Utica. Bus to Mohawk. Taxi to Monastery (15-minute ride).

*By train or by bus:*

UTICA–Order a ticket to Richfield Springs (Adirondack Trailways), from there take a taxi to the Monastery.

*By car:*

THRUWAY–Exit 30 (Herkimer). Route 28 (South). Take Route 28, turn left at Jordanville Road. The Monastery is about a mile past Jordanville, to the left side of Route 167.

ROUTE 20–To Richfield Springs, then Route 167 (North) at Richfield Springs. Monastery is about a mile past Jordanville.







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