



Our Lady of Perpetual Help BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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“Loving Master, open the eyes of our minds...”: An Introductory Study of Old Testament Typology and Byzantine Spirituality

Presented by:

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Course Duration:

6 Weeks

Course Meetings:

Tuesday

Fellowship: 6:30pm

Bible Study: 7-7:45pm

Course Description:

The purpose of this adult faith formation course is to foster a sense of community and learning at *OLPH* in a comfortable and friendly environment. This course will be an introduction to “using the Bible” as a means to deepen one’s personal spirituality and technical understanding of the Divine Liturgy in a more orthodox Byzantine expression. Participants will be engaged through reading Scripture passages aloud in class in conjunction with patristic insight and lively group discussion. Primarily, the focus will be a systematic study of the Divine Instructions given to Solomon as to how to construct the Temple in *2 Chronicles* and how this applies to us as Byzantine Christians as related in the *Letter to the Hebrews*.

Participant Expectations:

All that is required is a willingness to learn and share experiences/insights, a positive, prayerful attitude, and some light at home Scripture reading. A love of coffee also helps, but is not *necessarily* required. ***While attending weekly would certainly be most beneficial, attendance at all classes is not a requirement.*** Individuals of ALL faith traditions are welcome!

Course Materials:

- *The Holy Bible*. Revised Standard Version, Second Catholic Edition. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006. [Provided; **but one may bring a personal Bible from home, if desired**]
- Notebook and writing implement
- Study Materials [Provided]

Course Schedule

Week 1 [**11/16/2021**] “Wait...Catholics read the Bible???”

Introduction to Scripture and its use in the Divine Liturgy and Byzantine prayer

Week 2 [**11/23/2021**] “Solomon began to build the house of the Lord...”

2 Chronicles 3 & 4 — Hebrews 1-3

Week 3 [**11/30/2021**] The Fulfilment of Sacrifice

2 Chronicles 7 — Hebrews 9 & 10

Week 4 [**12/7/2021**] Christ, the Great High Priest and the Priesthood of the Faithful

2 Chronicles 5 — Hebrews 6-8

Week 5 [**12/14/2021**] Holy Vessels and Implements for Worship

Hebrews 9 — Hands-on Investigation of Liturgical Implements

Week 6 [**12/21/2021**] Christ our Pasch: The Spiritual and Unbloody Sacrifice

The Preparatory Rite of Proskomedia — Practical Demonstration