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## 2021 COURSE SCHEDULE for Catechism, Part I

**The Catechism Course are Thursdays from 7-8 PM.** It is designed for new Inquirers, those Catechumens who wish to be received into the Church and current members who wish to enrich their spiritual life. The Classes Attendance at Thursday classes is required for Baptism (if absent, listen to the class live via ZOOM, or the recording later). When Schedule conflicts happen, Thursday Class may be moved to Saturdays @ 4:30

**Orthodox Praxis is offered after Sunday Divine Liturgy.** It is a short, 30 minute talk (required for Catechumens). Both Orthodox Praxis and Catechism is open for new Inquirers, Catechumens and those interested in ongoing adult education about the faith and the many facets of our spiritual life.

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DATE	TOPIC	Note
1. Thursday, Sept. 23 a. Sunday, Sept. 26	<b>Intro to Class / Entering the Church</b> <i>A Walk through the Temple</i>	Fr. Damian
2. Thursday, Sept 30 a. Sunday, Oct. 3	<b>The True God</b> <i>Christian Praxis</i>	Fr. Damian
3. Thursday, Oct. 7 a. Sunday, Oct. 10	<b>On The Human Being</b> <i>Stewardship</i>	Fr. Damian
4. <b>Sat., Oct. 16 @ 4:30</b> a. Sunday, Oct. 17	<b>On Sin</b> <i>Prayer book, prayer corner &amp; prayer rule</i>	Fr. Damian

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| 5.  | Thursday, Oct. 21 | <b>Jesus Christ the Son of God</b>                     | Fr. Damian |
| a.  | Sunday, Oct. 24   | <b><i>Hesachysm &amp; Logosmoi</i></b>                 |            |
| 6.  | Thursday, Oct. 28 | <b>Jesus Christ the Savior</b>                         | Fr. Damian |
| a.  | Sunday, Oct. 31   | <b><i>Cycle of Services &amp; Worship</i></b>          |            |
| 7.  | Thursday, Nov. 4  | <b>On Repentance and Faith</b>                         | Fr. Damian |
| a.  | Sunday, Nov. 7    | <b><i>Vigil, Vespers &amp; Matins</i></b>              |            |
| 8.  | Thursday, Nov. 11 | <b>The Holy Spirit</b>                                 | Fr. Damian |
| a.  | Sunday, Nov. 14   | <b><i>Spiritual Therapy (Illness of the Heart)</i></b> |            |
| 9.  | Thursday, Nov. 18 | <b>The Church</b>                                      | Fr. Damian |
| a.  | Sunday, Nov 21    | <b><i>Feast Days of the Church</i></b>                 |            |
| 10. | Thursday, Dec. 2  | <b>The Virgin Mary</b>                                 | Fr. Damian |
| a.  | Sunday, Dec. 5    | <b><i>TBD</i></b>                                      |            |

## **COURSE SCHEDULE for Catechism, Part 2**

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Notes</b>
11	Thursday, Feb. 10	<b>Intro to Jesus Prayer &amp; Hesychasm</b>	Fr Damian
a.	Sunday, Feb. 13	<i>Prelent &amp; Preparing for Lent</i>	
12.	Thursday, Feb. 17	<b>The Mystery of Holy Baptism</b>	Fr Damian
a.	Sunday, Feb. 20	<i>Sources of Divine Authority</i>	
13.	Thursday, February	<b>The Mystery of Holy Baptism</b>	Fr Damian
a.	24	<i>First Week of Great Lent</i>	
	Sunday, February		
14.	27	<b>The Mystery of Chrismation</b>	Fr Damian
a.		<i>Great Lent in our Lives</i>	
	Thursday, March 3		
15.	Sunday, March 6	<b>The Holy Eucharist</b>	Fr Damian
a.		<i>Preparing for Communion</i>	
	Thursday, March 10		
16.	Sunday, March 13	<b>The Mystery of Confession</b>	Fr Damian
a.		<i>Preparing for Confession</i>	
	Thursday, March 17		
17.	Sunday, March 20	<b>The Mystery of the Priesthood</b>	Fr Damian
a.		<i>TBD</i>	
	Thursday, March 24		
18.	Sunday, March 27	<b>The Mystery of Marriage</b>	Fr Damian
a.		<i>TBD</i>	
	Thursday, March 31		
19.	Sunday, April 3	<b>The Mystery of Holy Unction</b>	Fr Damian
a.		<i>Holy Week</i>	
	Thursday, April 7		
20.	Sunday, April 10	<b>Baptismal run-thru</b>	Fr Damian
a.		<i>Talk with those to be baptized</i>	
	Thursday, April 14		
	<b><u>Saturday.</u></b> April		
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**Texts To Read (required for Catechumens):**

*Entering the Church / The Mind of the Church*, Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachas  
*The Beginnings of a Life of Prayer*, Bishop Irenei (Steenburg)

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*Great Lent*, Father Alexander Schmemmann

*Thirsting for God in a Land of Shallow Wells*, Matthew Gallatin