

LMU SPRING 2023

COURSE TITLE: Greek Orthodox Tradition (4 semester hours)

COURSE NUMBER: MDGK 3350/THST 3221

SECTION DAYS/TIMES: T/TH 6:00pm-7:40 PM

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CORE ARE: INTEGRATIONS: FAITH AND REASON

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“HOLD TO THE TRADITIONS WHICH YOU WERE TAUGHT” (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course presents an in-depth study of the elements that have contributed to the formation and living expression of Greek Orthodox Tradition. The student will examine the sources that are fundamental to understanding the Greek Orthodox Church from antiquity to the present time.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Over the course of the semester, students will have the following opportunities for intellectual growth:

- 1) to gain and express their knowledge of Greek Orthodox Tradition by engaging in the study of the Scripture, Creed, Ecumenical Councils, Sacraments, Service Books, Iconography, Hymnography, Doctrine, Church Government, and Worship of the Greek Orthodox Church;
- 2) to enhance their listening and communication skills through active participation in class discussions on aspects presented in a lecture format;
- 3) to reflect critically on the subject of Greek Orthodox Tradition vis a vis contemporary needs, challenges, and problems of contemporary society;
- 4) to develop their writing skills through personal expression of their own faith tradition as well as research assignments from selected topics regarding Greek Orthodox Tradition.

PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND: None