**LMU**

**FALL 2021**

**THST 3252/MDGK 3352: Orthodox Christian Spirituality (4 units)**

**SECTION TIMES/DAYS: Tuesday/Thursday 6:30-8:00 PM**

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**Course Description:**

This course will introduce students to the rich spiritual tradition of Eastern Orthodox Christianity. Students will examine principles of spiritual development and various dimensions of spirituality from the time of the desert fathers and ancient monastic traditions to the present.

**University Core** fulfilled: Integrations: Faith and Reason

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

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

* gain and express their knowledge of the historical and theological foundation of Orthodox Christian spirituality
* study major figures who have contributed to the written tradition of Orthodox Christian spirituality from the early church to contemporary times by the reading of primary sources
* enhance their listening and communication skills through attentive participation in class discussions on aspects presented in a lecture format with an emphasis on a systematic theological approach to the field
* develop their writing skills through personal reflection on their own spiritual development and research assignments from selected topics.

**Prerequisites**: none

**Course Work /Expectations:**

* Attendance/participation 10%
* 5 books reviews 10 % each
* A research paper 40%