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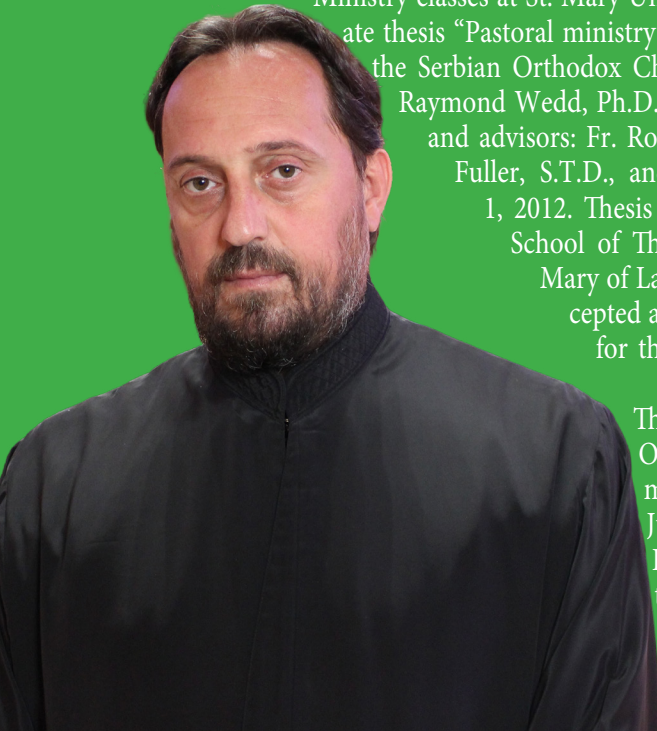
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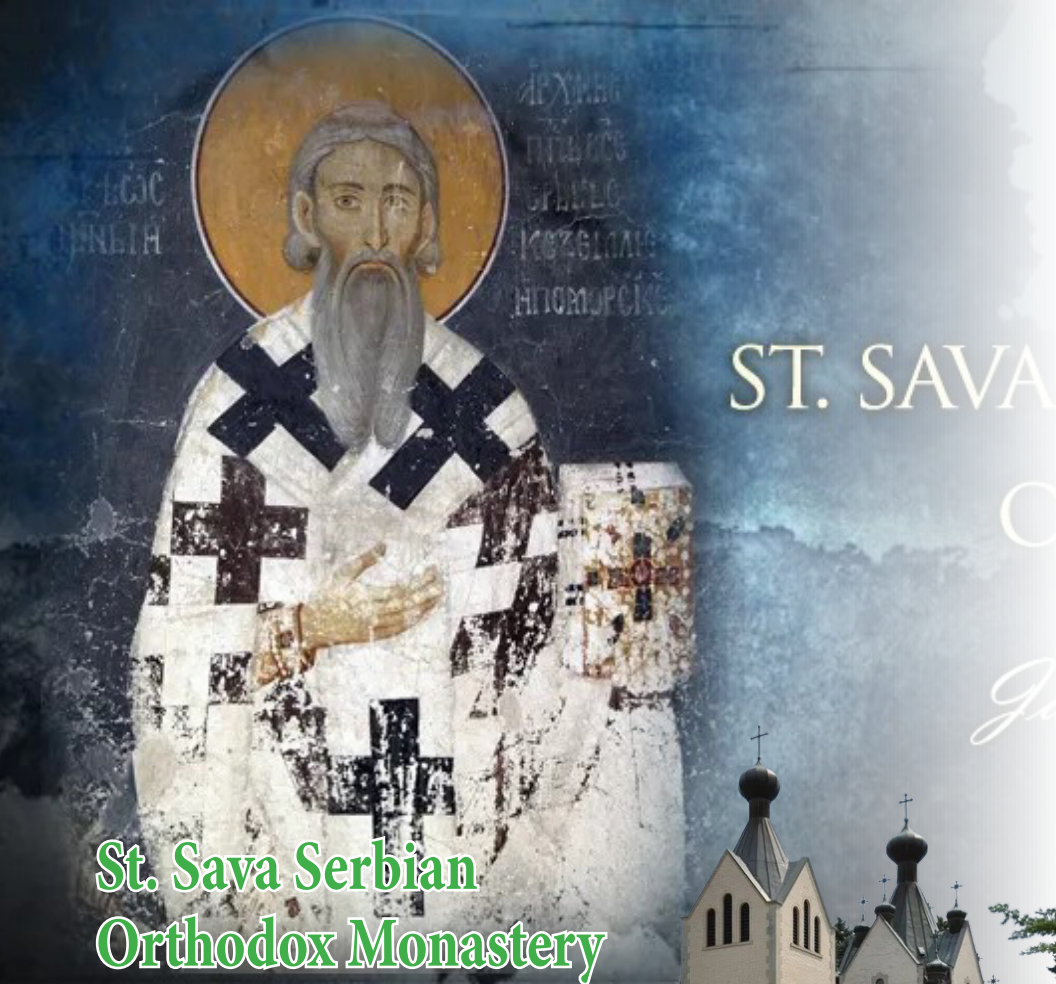
Aleksandar Novakovic was born in 1975 in the town of Rudo, Republic of Serbs. After finishing elementary school, Aleksandar was accepted to St. Sava Seminary in Belgrade where he graduated in 1995. In 1996, with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Pavle, he started his undergraduate studies at the St. Sava School of Theology in Libertyville, Illinois. Upon graduation from St. Sava, Aleksandar enrolled in master theological studies at the St. Vladimir Seminary in Scarsdale, New York where he graduated in 2002.

Aleksandar Novakovic returned to monastery St. Sava, Libertyville, Illinois upon graduation and started working as a librarian at a St. Sava School of Theology. His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher ordained Aleksandar Novakovic into a rank of Deacon in October of 2003 at the St. Basil Church in Lake Forest, Illinois. He served at St. Basil's church, as a Deacon, until he was ordained into the rank of Presbyter on St. Aleksandar Nevski, in September of 2004. After ordination, Father Aleksandar served at the St. Sava Monastery and occasionally at other Chicago area churches. In mean time, his responsibilities at St. Sava Seminary grew to a position of school's Dean of Students, in 2003, the school secretary in 2004, and the position of teaching Church Mission course at St. Sava School of Theology in 2006.

With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher, Fr. Aleksandar continued his education at the St. Mary of Lake University in Mundelein, where he took classes towards his Doctorate Degree in Pastoral Theology. He completed two years Doctor of Ministry classes at St. Mary University and finished his doctorate thesis "Pastoral ministry to sick in the Life and Praxis of the Serbian Orthodox Church" under supervision of Fr. Raymond Wedd, Ph.D., and Fr. Thomas Baima, S.T.D., and advisors: Fr. Robert Barron, S.T.D., Fr. Michael Fuller, S.T.D., and Dr. Colt Anderson, on May 1, 2012. Thesis was summited to the Graduate School of Theology of the University of St. Mary of Lake/Mundelein Seminary and accepted as fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor in Ministry.



The Holy Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church, on its regular meeting in Belgrade, Serbia, on July 4, 2023, decided to appoint Fr. Aleksandar Novakovic as Interim Dean of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology.



ST. SAVA

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Monastery

Est. 1925

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The beautiful St. Sava Monastery, was founded by St. Bishop Mardarije in 1925, in Libertyville, Illinois. It was built in the ancient Orthodox tradition with domes adorning the top of the church which can be seen from far away. Inside, there are priceless icons and majestic stained-glass windows. St. Sava Monastery is listed as one of the Historical Places in the State of Illinois.

St. Sava Monastery has served as the Seat of the first Bishop and the first Serbian Orthodox Diocese of the U.S.A. and Canada.

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Fall Semester

Invocation of the Holy Spirit	Sunday	Sep. 08
Registration and class start	Monday	Sep. 09
Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God	Saturday	Sep. 21
Elevation of the Cross	Friday	Sep. 27
Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos	Monday	Oct. 14
Holy Venerable Parasceve - St, Petka	Sunday	Oct. 27
Saint Great-Martyr Demetrios	Friday	Nov. 8
Saint Archangel Michael	Thursday	Nov. 21
Thanksgiving	Thursday	Nov. 28
The Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos	Wednesday	Dec. 4
St. Mardarije	Thursday	Dec. 12
St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	Thursday	Dec. 19
The end of classes	Tuesday	Dec. 10
Exams	Wednesday	Dec. 11
The end of semester	Monday	Dec. 23

Spring Semester

Classes begin	Tuesday	January 21
Saint Sava - School Slava	Monday	January 27
School Annual Program - Academia	Saturday	February 8
Holy Three Hierarchs	Wednesday	February 12
Meeting of our Lord Jesus Christ	Saturday	February 15
First week of Great Lent	Monday	March 03
Annunciacion	Monday	April 07
Passion Week	Mon.-Sat.	Apr 14-19
Bright week and Pasha	Mon.-Sat.	Apr 21-26
Saint Great-Martyr George	Tuesday	May 06
Saint Basil of Ostrog	Monday	May 12
Classes end and Exams	Friday	May 23
Sts. Cyril and Methodious	Saturday	May 24
The end of semester	Friday	June 6

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology

Mission Statement

The St. Sava School of Theology has as its main mission and goal to provide religious education and to train candidates who are from the United States and Canada and from other countries for the Holy Priesthood in the Serbian Orthodox Church specifically, and for interested individuals of other ethnic jurisdictions of the Orthodox Christian Faith. The school functions as the educational center for individuals committed to serving the Serbian Orthodox Church and her people in a multi-lingual environment. Initially, the school provides quality baccalaureate level study in Theology leading to the Bachelor of Divinity Degree as approved and as uniquely required for the Serbian Orthodox Church both for resident full-time students and part-time students. Our Mission is to serve the Serbian Orthodox Church by providing the highest level of education to our students. To serve the needs of the Church more fully, we also recognize the need to provide, in addition to academic education, also human, spiritual, and pastoral formation. We accomplish our mission by integrating these four elements, thus successfully preparing students for service to the Church and its needs: clergy, missionaries, iconographers, choir directors, educators, and laity.

Short-term objectives of the Institution

The initial strategy in establishing this institution was to form relationships with existing Schools of Theology. St. Sava School of Theology applied for and received a Charter from the Holy Assembly of Bishops and of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and has completed the necessary requirements to meet the criteria for Operating Authority in Illinois. On that basis the School has also received the authority to grant the Bachelor of Divinity Degree. The Institution by nature is to be a small one, with a specialized program for students interested in the priesthood, and/or for preparation for advanced studies in Orthodox Christian Theology. Facilities have been secured for housing and boarding of students, classroom

space, and beginnings of the specialized library. Cooperative programs with other Theological schools, library usage, and exchanging of instructors have been planned. The School is structured to operate its program, in accordance with the American plan now being followed to comply with the State Board of Higher Educational requirements.

Funding is provided by an annual budget proposed by the School and adopted and implemented by the Board of Trustees and Holy Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church. As the needs of the School grow, the budget is adjusted accordingly. Financial support is sought from all the Dioceses and Church Congregations comprising the Church.

Academic Control

Board of Trustees (Directors). The Governing Board of the institution, known as the Board of Trustees, is to be comprised of seven (7) Trustees (Directors). The Board of Trustees will have an Executive Committee to function in intervals between Board of Trustees meetings, to conduct such business of the School as the Trustees authorize. The Board of Trustees shall have a Finance Committee to exercise general supervision over the School's finances for the support and maintenance of the School. The Board of Trustees will exercise the responsibilities of overseeing that the School plant, Faculty, Student body and school finances are properly functioning as provided for by the laws and ordinances of the School and, as may be required by relevant Church, academic, and civil authorities organization.

The design and conduct of the degree program is that which is prescribed by the Holy Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church and approved by the Holy Assembly of Bishops for general theological curriculum requirements.

The Faculty Council is responsible for implementation of the approved degree requirements from authorities of Higher Education of the State of Illinois. The school will seek membership in the Association of Theological Schools in order to assure that the quality of the program will be maintained. Student evaluations will be made in the Spring of the Sophomore and Junior years and in the Fall of the Senior year. The process is intended to help students determine their own vocational decision with the aid of a career assessment program. This decision will be supplemented by the faculty's evaluation and decision on whether to support the student's candidacy for ordination. There is also a process of internship diagnosis, carried out in the context of the Teaching Parish Teams, designed to help students recognize the ministerial areas in which they need to grow. A post-internship review involves the faculty's evaluation of the student's general fitness for the ministry.

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The Dormitory, Classrooms and Refectory of the School of Theology are housed in the St. Sava and New Gracanica Monastery Camp Building during the School year. Other facilities are located in various locations on the Monastery ground. Facilities consist of the following:

- a) Large red building with a large commons-dinner hall, kitchen, recreation room, classrooms, dorm rooms for student housing, student lounge and office.
- b) Church for worship
- c) A frame Library building with three areas for bookshelves, catalog room with computer and one room office.



Dormitory & Church Life

All full-time students reside in the school dormitory and are expected to abide by the school rules regulating all aspects of student life. While at St. Sava, students are responsible for the proper maintenance of cleanliness in the dorm, the Church and the Sanctuary, dining room assistance and other duties as assigned. Responsibilities are assigned by the Dean of Students, who monitors student life and activities on the campus. He is responsible for the weekly schedule of cantors, as well as students regular attendance at all worship services. He coordinates dining room assistance schedules, inspects student rooms and all other facilities used by students. Professors and students are actively involved in the church life of the Serbian Orthodox Church, especially in the Midwestern Diocese. Matins and Vespers are served daily at St. Sava and New Gracanica Monastery, as well as Vigils and Divine Liturgies according to the Church Calendar. The students preach at services in the Midwestern Diocese and also give concerts of sacred music. During the summer, and when possible, the student chorus travels to other Dioceses on concert tours in behalf of the school. The student chorus has released its first CD of sacred music for distribution among the parishes for the benefit of the School.



Board of Education

Administration

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Mr. Srdjan Maksimovic, MTh	Regular
Mrs. Vera Foster	Regular

Tuition

Per Semester

1. Tuition	\$ 2,000.00
2. Room and Board	\$ 3,000.00
3. Registration Fee	\$ 15.00
4. Entrance Examination	\$ 25.00
5. Late Registration fee	\$ 50.00
6. Graduation Fee	\$ 100.00

School Finances

The School Fiscal Year runs from January 1st to December 31st, in order to coincide with the National Church's fiscal year for the proposed budget purposes. The School receives no government or private grants. Church congregations and other local church organizations contribute annually to the Theological School Foundation Fund which supplements the budget of the school in accordance with the adopted budget. Other sources of income are from private voluntary donations and contributions to the Student Aid Fund for scholarships.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available only to students preparing for ordination to the priesthood. Stipends are considered loans by the School pending ordination and Church service after graduation. Applicants in need of school loans should submit applications if qualified to the School Financial Aid office no later than the 10th of July.

FIRST GRADE

FALL SEMESTER	CR	SPRING SEMESTER	CR
Old Testament 1	3	Old Testament 2	3
Intro to Orthodox Theol. 1	2	Intro to Orth. Theology 2	2
Liturgical Chant 1	2	Liturgical Chant 2	2
English 1	2	English 2	2
Hebrew 1	2	Hebrew 2	2
Greek 1	2	Greek 2	2
Old Slavonic 1	1	Old Slavonic 2	2
Philosophy 1	3	Philosophy 2	3
Serbian - elective			
TOTAL CREDITS	17	TOTAL CREDITS	17

THIRD GRADE

FALL SEMESTER	CR	SPRING SEMESTER	CR
New Testament 3	3	New Testament 4	3
Dogmatic Theology 1	3	Dogmatic Theology 2	3
Christian Ethics 1	3	Christian Ethics 2	3
Serbian Church History 1	3	Serbian Church History 2	3
Patristics 3	2	Patristics 4	2
English 5	2	English 6	2
Science 121	4	Mathematics 101	3
Parish Practicum 1	1	Parish Practicum 2	1
		American Christianity	2
TOTAL CREDITS	21	TOTAL CREDITS	20

SECOND GRADE

FALL SEMESTER	CR	SPRING SEMESTER	CR
Old Testament 3	3	Old Testament 4	3
New Testament 1	3	New Testament 2	3
Church History 1	3	Church History 2	3
Patristics 1	2	Patristics 2	3
Liturgical Chant 3	2	Liturgical Chant	2
English 3	2	English 4	2
Old Slavonic 1	2	Old Slavonic 2	2
Greek 3	2	Greek 4	2
TOTAL CREDITS	19	TOTAL CREDITS	19

FOURTH GRADE

FALL SEMESTER	CR	SPRING SEMESTER	CR
Canon and Church Law 1	4	Canon and Church Law 2	3
Religious Education 1	3	Religious Education 2	3
Pastoral Theology 1	3	Pastoral Theology 2	3
Homiletics 1	2	Homiletics 2	2
Liturgics 1	3	Liturgics 2	3
Church Mission 1	3	Church Mission 2	3
English 7	2	English 8	2
TOTAL CREDITS	20	TOTAL CREDITS	19

Grading Policies

	Grades	GPA
A +	Exceed Excellent	4.0
A	Excellent	4.0
A -	Best	3.7
B +	Very Good	3.3
B	Pretty Good	3.0
B -	Better	2.7

	Grades	GPA
C+	Good	2.3
C	Good	2.0
C -	Not Bad	1.7
D	Needs Improvement	1.3
F	Failed	0.0

Only those transfer credits which are compatible with this School's program shall be counted towards graduation. Incomplete grade can remain on student's record for one semester only, following the semester in which it was received. Failure to remove the incomplete by the end of the probationary semester will result in an automatic grade of F. Only one makeup exam is permitted in any failed course within two weeks of the end of the semester. Failure of the makeup exam requires that the course be repeated and passed without any makeup exams. Such repeated failure will result in dismissal from the School. If a student demonstrates poor performance during the first semester, such student will be placed on probation for the following semester, or else be required to withdraw from further study. Continued enrollment for a student on probation will depend on his overall performance for the full school year. Persons wishing to audit courses should be properly registered. Further student evaluations are done during the Spring semester of the second and third year, as well as the Fall of the fourth year. This process is intended to help the students determine their own vocational decisions with the aid of a career assessment program. Evaluations are further supplemented by the faculty's recommendations on whether to support the student's candidacy for ordination. Parish Practicum is evaluated in context of the Parish Teaching Team. Post internship review involves the final evaluation of the student's general fitness for the ministry. Official transcripts are only issued directly to other academic institutions. Requests may be made in writing or in person. No telephone requests will be accepted. Students may request an unofficial transcript from the Registrar's office for a fee of \$50.00.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for the School of Theology include: graduation from High School, Junior College, college, or a Middle Orthodox Seminary, with grades of A and B, or grade point average of 3.0, and the passing of an entrance examination.

The Bachelor of Divinity Degree Requirements

- a) The number of Credits accepted by transferring from other institutions will be determined by the nature of the other institution, and whether the courses being submitted are the equivalent of courses offered at this School. The transferring student shall be required to complete the prescribed curriculum of this school and full credit will be awarded for the same language courses.
- b) Life experience credits will be determined by evaluation of work done in Church service that is relevant to program objectives and appropriate to courses offered, such as liturgical chant with rubrics, administration, and a satisfactory proficiency in the languages offered by this school.
- c) Proficiency examination credits will be accepted only for liturgical chant, rubrics, and languages offered by this school, and the courses will be waived if the candidate shows a proficiency of a grade of B or higher.
- d) The grade point average for advancement and graduation is 2.50.
- e) The residency requirement for all full-time students is four years. Transfer students and special students who have to be evaluated must satisfy a minimum of one year's residency, or more as required, to satisfy all requirements for graduation.
- f) The time limit for completion of the program is four years.
- g) A certificate from the School Librarian that all library books have been returned must be submitted.
- h) Every student will be graded annually for attendance and participation at daily and festal worship services. The grade will be shown in the transcript under practicum. Failure will be taken into account as to whether the student will continue studies. Only one make-up exam is allowed two weeks after finals. The course must be repeated with passing grade with no makeup exam for graduation.

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology

Admissions Application

Check one:

Bachelor of Divinity

Non-degree (Special students)

Applicant' Name:

(first)

(middle)

(last)

Permanent Home Address:

(street)

(city)

(state)

(country)

(zip code)

Home telephone: _____

Cell: _____

Summer address: (if different)

Personal Data

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Father's name: _____ Living? Yes ___ No ___

Mother's name: _____ Living? Yes ___ No ___

Social Security No: ___/___/___ Citizenship _____

Marital Status: ___ Single ___ Married ___ Divorced

Name of Spouse: _____

Place & Date of Marriage _____

Children: Name and Dates of Birth: _____

Education

High School:

Name: _____

Location: _____

Year Graduated: _____

Seminary:

Name: _____

Location: _____

Year Graduated: _____ Degree: _____

College or University:

Name: _____

Location: _____

Year Graduated: _____ Degree: _____

Academic awards, honors, organizations, offices, scholarships etc.:

Special talents, interests, hobbies etc.:

Languages: Speaking Reading Writing (proficiency 1 2 3 4 5 native)

Occupational Experience:

(List most recent FIRST, including military experience)

Position

Employer

Dates

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

References

List the names of people from whom you are requesting letters of recommendation.

1. Your Priest:

2. Administration or counselor at the last school attended:

3. A teacher in your major field of study:

4. Another academic reference:

5. Another priest, teacher or employer:

I understand my rights under the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Please choose one:

I would like to have access to letters written on my behalf.

It is my desire that these letters be written in confidence, and I therefore wave any of my rights of access I may have to those letter.

If you have been out of school for some time, you may substitute the names of persons who are familiar with your academic abilities and background from more recent courses, workshops or seminars. Please include the persons name, position and address.

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Application Instructions

A completed application must be submitted with the following:

1. Birth certificate.
2. Baptismal certificate.
3. Medical Examination certificate.
4. Transcripts from all high schools, colleges and universities attended, sent directly to the Director of Admissions at St. Sava School.
5. A short autobiography including a statement how education from the St. Sava Serbian School of Theology will be used in the service to the Church.
6. References – provide names and addresses of two people you plan to use as references. It is your responsibility to personally contact those individuals and ask for the recommendations.
7. A photograph of yourself.
8. A letter of endorsement (blessings) from your Diocesan Bishop.
9. A non-refundable fee of \$15.00 must accompany the application.

Applicants in need of Financial Aid should inquire of their respective Diocesan authorities as to what student loans/or co-signing of student loans are available and the terms and conditions regulating such loans.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: all applications must be received no later than July 10th, and are acted upon by July 15th. Applicants will be notified as soon as the decision is reached.

Course Schedule and Description

1st Year Schedule - Fall Semestar

B. 101 Old Testament I (with Archaeology and Biblical History)

3 Cr. Hrs

Prophets. Historical setting. Theological message. Evolution of Theology and Revelation

Mon. and Fri. 9:30-11:00

V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic

Phil. 107 Philosophy (Introduction and History of Philosophy)

3 Cr. Hrs

Philosophy. Historical development of philosophy and analysis of ideas from the pre-Socratic period up to Decartes.

Tue. 11:00 - 12:30

V. Rev. Branislav Koncarevic, PhD

Wed. 11:00-12:30

M. 160 Liturgical Chant with Rubrics I

2 Cr. Hrs.

Introduction into the Theory of Church Music. Development of Church Music in early Christianity. Development of 8 Church tones. Practical instruction singing of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th tone. Development of Typikon.

Mon. 11:00 - 12:30 PM

V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic. PhD

L. 121 English I

2 Cr. Hrs.

This course is designed for the students of English as a second language. The study will provide students with basic foundation in speaking, reading and writing with particular emphasis on grammar and vocabulary development.

Tues. and Thurs. 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Mrs. Vera Foster

Hebrew I

2 Cr. Hrs.

Reading. Grammar.

Thu. 9:30-11:00

V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic

B. 141 Greek I

2 Cr. Hrs.

Reading. Grammar.

Thu. 11:00 - 12:30

V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic

L. 150 Old Slavonic I

1 Cr. Hrs.

History of language. Paleography of Old Slavonic reading, analysis and reconstruction of manuscript.

Fri. 11:00 - 12:30

V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic

L. 111 Serbian I**1 Cr. Hrs.**

Introduction and elements of Serbian language. Serbian composition. History of language. Grammar, reading.

Fri. 5:00 - 6:00 pm**Staff**

TH. 170 Introduction to Orthodox Theology**2 Cr. Hrs.**

The formation of Orthodox Theology. The necessity, nature, purpose and methodology of theology. Scripture and Tradition. Revelation, faith and reason. The sacraments and the spiritual life. The practice of prayer and ascetic effort in the Orthodox Church.

Mon. 6:00-7:00 pm**Rev. Branislav Koncarevic, PhD****Wed 10:00 - 11:00 am**

1st Year Schedule - Spring Semester

B. 102 Old Testament II - Psalms**3 Cr. Hrs.**

Literal and Theological character of Psalms. Historical setting of different psalms. Emphasis on Messianic character of psalms, on God as King and His Kingdom in process of becoming

Mon. 9:30-11:00**V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic**

Phil. 108 Philosophy (Introduction and History of Philosophy)**3 Cr. Hrs.**

Continuation of Course 101 to include Descartes, Locke, Kant, Marx, Kierkegaard and Dewey

Tue. 11:00 - 12:30**Rev. Branislav Koncarevic, PhD****Wed. 11:00-12:30**

M. 160 Liturgical Chant with Rubrics II**2 Cr. Hrs**

History of the Orthodox Church music in the second millennium. Retrospective of other musical traditions in Christianity. Development of Festive circle in the Orthodox worship. Practical instruction in singing of Festive cycle (major fasts and feasts of Saints). Theological, historical and poetical analysis of Festive cycle.

Mon. 9:30 - 11:00 P.M.**V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD**

L. 122 English II**2 Cr. Hrs.**

Continuation of L 121.

Tues. 2:30-4:00**Thurs. 2:30-4:00 P.M.****Mrs. Vera Fostar**

L. 122 English II**2 Cr. Hrs.**

Continuation of L 121.

Thu. 11:00-12:30**Fri. 1:00-2:30 P.M.****Mrs. Vera Foster**

B. 132 - Hebrew II**2 Cr. Hrs.**

Reading of different Biblical texts. Linguistic and Theological analysis.

Thu. 9:30-11:00**V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic**

B. 142 Greek II**2 Cr. Hrs.**

Linguistic and Theological analysis of 10-15 chapters of New Testament

Thu. 11:00-12:30**V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic**

L. 151 Old Slavonic II**1 Cr. Hrs.**

Continuation of 101.

Fri. 11:00 - 12:30**V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic**

L. 112 Serbian II**1 Cr. Hr.**

Continuation of 101- Reading. Grammar. Composition.

Fri. 5:00 - 6:00 pm**Staff**

TH. 171-Introduction to Orthodox Theology II**2 Cr. Hrs.**

Introduction to the Church History from the age of the Council of Nicaea through the Seventh Ecumenical Council. Pascha and the feasts of the Orthodox Church. The fasts of the Orthodox Church.

Mon. 6:00 - 7:00**Rev. Branislav Koncarevic, PhD**

2nd Year Schedule - Fall Semestar

B. 202 Old Testament III**3 Cr. Hrs.**

Old Testament Didactics

Mon. 11:00-12:30 and**Friday 1:00 - 2:30****V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic**

B. 210 New Testament I**3 Cr. Hrs.**A presentation of the books of the New Testament from the view points of their literary make-up, historical origins and faith testimony, and their theological content, as understood in the patristic tradition. A study of the literary, historical and theological formation of the Gospels and Acts, emphasizing Jesus' teachings and miracles, His Passion, Resurrection and Pentecost. **Wed. and Thurs. 11:00-12:30****Rt. Rev. Dr. Mitrophan (Kodic)****V. Rev. Nemanja Tesic, MTh.**

H. 215 Church History I**3 Cr. Hrs.**

The beginnings of the Church. The Church and Graeco-Roman World. The Age of the Ecumenical Council.

Tues. and Wed. 9:30 - 11:00**Dr. Ruzica Maric****T. 330 Patristics I****2 Cr. Hrs.**

Early Christian apostolic fathers and their writings. Apologists. Alexandrian and Antiochian Schools and their representatives.

Tues. and Fri. 11:00 - 12:30 pm**Mrs. Helen Theodoropolos, Ph.D.****M. 261 Liturgical Chant-with rubrics III****2 Cr. Hrs**

History of Orthodox Church Music. Theological, historical and poetical analysis of Oktoihon. Practical instruction in singing of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th tones. Service order for the daily and weekly cycle of worship.

Mon. 9:30-11:00**V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD****L. 211 Serbian III****1 Cr. Hr.**

Conversation-vocabulary Grammar - Composition.

Fri. 3:30 -5:00 PM**Staff****L. 207 English III****2 Cr. Hrs.**

This course will concentrate on reading comprehension, composition writing and vocabulary development.

Tues. 1:00-2:30**Vera Foster****Thu. 2:30 - 4:00****B. 241 Greek III****2 Cr. Hrs.**

Linguistic and Theological analysis of New Testament texts

Thu. 1:00 - 2:30**V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic****L. 204 Old Slavonic****2 Cr. Hrs.**

Reading, analysis and translation of festal services.

Mon. 1:00 -2:30**V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic****CHOIR for WORSHIP-ALL STUDENTS****Thu. 4:00 - 5:00****V. Rev. Prtodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD**

2nd Year Schedule - Spring Semester

B. 202 Old Testament IV

3 Cr. Hrs.

Old Testament Anthropology

Mon. 11:00-12:30 and

V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic

Friday 1:00 - 2:30

B. 211 New Testament II

3 Cr. Hrs.

St. Paul and his epistles. His conversion and call, missionary activities and imprisonments as depicted in the Acts of the Apostles and in his letters. Pauline theology: Christology, Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology. Christ and the Church. Captivity Epistles. A close study of Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and Ephesians. A study of Romans and Hebrews; Jesus as the High Priest. Particular attention will be given to Kenosis and the Incarnation; Christ as the head of the old and new creation, the problem of life "in Christ", and images of the Church (Body, Household of God, Bride of Christ).

Wed. 11:00 - 12:30

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mitrophan(Kodic)

Thurs. 11:00 - 12:30

V. Rev. Nemanja Tesic, MTh

H. 215 Church History II

3 Cr. Hrs.

Byzantium and Rome; The Schism of 1054; The Crusades; Attempts of reunification. Byzantium and the Slavs. Church under the Turkish yoke.

Tue. and Wed. 9:30 - 11:00

Dr. Ruzica Maric

V. Rev. Dr. Mile Subotic

T. 331 Patristics II

2 Cr. Hrs.

Alexandrian and Antiochian Theological School and their representatives. Golden Age of literature (Fourth century). Fathers of the Church from the 5 to 8 century and Ascetic fathers.

Tues. and Fri. 11:00-12:30

Mrs. Helen Theodoropolos, Ph.D.

M. 262 - Liturgical Chant IV

2 Cr. Hrs.

Development of Lenten cycle. Practical instruction in singing of Lenten cycle. Theological, historical and poetical analysis. Service order for the Festive and Lenten cycle. Irregularities in the cycle. History, development and styles of polyphonic in the Orthodox Church.

Mon. 9:30 - 11:00

V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD

L. 212 Serbian III **1 Cr. Hr.**
Conversation- Vocabulary - Grammar -Composition
Fri. 3:30 -5:00 PM **Staff**

L. 208 English IV **2 Cr. Hrs.**
Continuation of L207
Wed. 1:00-2:30 **Vera Foster**
Thu. 2:30 - 4:00

B. 242 Greek IV **2 Cr. Hrs.**
Linguistic and Theological analysis of New Testament texts.
Thu. 1:00 - 2:30 **V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic**

L. 205 Old Slavonic **2 Cr. Hrs.**
Reading, analysis and translation of festal services.
Mon. 2:30 - 4:00 **V. Rev. Dr. Predrag Samardzic**

CHOIR for WORSHIP-ALL STUDENTS
Thu. 4:00 - 5:00 **V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD**

3rd Year Schedule - Fall Semester

B. 310 New Testament III **3 Cr. Hrs.**
Epistle to the Thessalonians 1. purpose, date, authority and contents. The Parousia;
1-2 The Pastoral Epistles: 1. The authenticity; The Universal Epistles: The Epistle of
James, The First and Second Epistle of Peter, Epistle of Jude.
Wed. 9:30 - 11:00 **Rt. Rev. Dr. Mitrophan (Kodic)**
Thurs. 9:30 - 11:00 **V. Rev. Nemanja Tesic, MTh**

T. 310 Dogmatic Theology I **3 Cr. Hrs.**
[with Comparative Theology and History of Religion]
Study of Revelation, God's Being, the Holy Trinity, God as Creator, Christology, and
Soteriology. **Wed. and Thurs. 2:30- 4:00 pm** **V. Rev. Darko Spasojevic, PhD**
Mr. Srdjan Maksimovic, MTh

E. 330 Christian Ethics I **2 Cr. Hrs.**
The study of Fundamental Ethics (moral law, conscience, freedom of will), basic
trends of philosophical ethics.
Mon. 10:00 - 11:00 **Rev. Branislav Koncarevic, PhD**
Wed. 1:00 - 2:00

TH. 331 Patristics III**2 Cr. Hrs.**

This class is a study of the Church Fathers, from the 9th century starting with Photius the Great to Gregory Palamas and the theology and historical context of their times.

Tues. and Fri. 9:30-11:00 am**Mrs. Helen Theodoropoulos, Ph.D.****H. 315 History of the Serbian Church I****3 Cr. Hrs.**

Historical aspects of the development of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Autocephaly of the Church and relation between the Church and Serbian State.

Tues. and Thurs. 11:00 - 12:30**V. Rev. Stavrophor Zivojin Jakovljevic, Ph.D.****V. Rev. Dr. Mile Subotic****L. 307 English V****2 Cr. Hrs.**

In this course students will work on improving writing skills, vocabulary development and reading comprehension.

Tue. 1:00-2:30 Thurs. 2:30 - 4:00**Vera Foster****MTH. 121 Fundamentals of Mathematics****4 Cr Hrs.**

Aim of course- information needed for scientific literary -to fill gaps in the traditional secondary school preparation and to encourage insightful interpretation of daily events. Major scientific concepts in astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology and physics with emphasis on their place in history of science. Demonstrations and hands-on activities provide laboratory exposure.

Tue. and Thursd. 6:00-7:30**Mr. Zoran Milosevic, Ph.D.****I/M 301 Practicum -Teaching Parish Program****1 Cr. Hr.**

(20 Hours of supervised work in a Parish ministry related course)

Parish Priest

3rd Year Schedule - Spring Semestar

B. 311 New Testament IV**3 Cr. Hrs**

The Johannine Literature: John's Gospel-Relation to the Synoptic; Gospels. The Johanne Epistles I,II,III The Book of Revelation (authorship and contents: Special presentation of the Last Judgement and the appearance of the King of Kings.

Wed. and Thu. 9:30-11:00**Rt. Rev. Dr. Mitrophan (Kodic)****V. Rev. Nemanja Tesic, MTh****T. 311 Dogmatic Theology II****3 Cr. Hrs.**

The study of pneumatology, ecclesiology, and contemporary World Religions (monotheism and polytheism).

Mon. and Thurs. 2:30 - 4:00**V. Rev. Darko Spasojevic, PhD****Mr. Srdjan Maksimovic, MTh**

T. 331 Christian Ethics II Second Semester**2 Cr. Hrs.**

History of Ethics, biblical and patristical Christian ethics, (virtue and sin), social ethics, (abortions, sterilizations, and euthanasia).

Wed. 11:30 - 12:30**V Rev. Branislav Koncarevic, PhD****1:00 - 2:00**

TH. 332 Patristics IV**2 Cr. Hrs.**

Church fathers and writers of the late Byzantium, e.g. Marcus Eugenicus, Gennadius Scholarious, et al., 'Ways of Serbian and Russian theology' as well as modern Neopatristic theology (G. Florovsky, J. Popovic, J. A. Jevtic, Ch. Yannaras, etc.).

Tues. 9:30 - 11:00**Mrs. Helen Theodoropoulos, Ph.D.**

H. 316 History of the Serbian Church II**3 Cr. Hrs.**

Continuation of H. 315, and history of the Serbian Patriarchate before the Turkish conquest. Church revival up to the twentieth century, and history of Serbian Patriarchate in Yugoslavia. Development of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada.

Tues. and Thurs. 11:00 - 12:30**V. Rev. Stavrophor Zivojin Jakovljevic, Ph.D.****V. Rev. Dr Mile Subotic**

L. 308 English VI.**2 Cr. Hrs.**

Continuation of L. 307 skill development.

Tue. 1 - 2:30 and Thurs. 2:30 - 4:00**Vera Foster****tar**

MTH. 121 Fundamentals of Mathematics**3 Cr. Hrs.**

Modern concepts of number theory, logic, sets, Euclidean geometry, probability, statistics and related topics. For elementary education majors; also appropriate for general education. Usage of calculator and computer will be integrated with the concepts of the course.

Tues. and Thurs. 6:00 - 7:30**Mr. Zoran Milosevic, Ph.D.**

American Christianity**2 Cr. Hrs.**

This course is intended to provide introduction to history and forms of Christian belief and practice in the history of U.S. and adjoining areas. Will attempt to relate this history to both contemporary shape and belief-systems of American society in terms of American "self-identity" and American attitudes toward religious belief and "the Church" in general.

Mon. 11:00-12:30 pm**V. Rev. Dr Archmandrite Serije (Puskar)**

I/M 301 Practicum -Teaching Parish Program**1 Cr. Hr.**

(20 Hours of supervised work in a Parish mini story related course)

Paris Priest**CHOIR for WORSHIP-ALL STUDENTS****Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 PM****V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD**

4th Year Schedule - Fall Semester

M. 401 Religious Education-Catechetics I

3 Cr. Hrs.

Introduction to the History and Philosophy of Education. Lectures, analysis of issues, principles, and aims of education from the theological, philosophical, and historical points of view.

Tues. and Wednesday 11:00 - 12:30

Mrs. Dr. Ruzica Maric

T. 420 -Pastoral Theology I

3 Cr. Hrs.

First Semester- Lecture-Discussion series on variety of topics to be explored within field of pastoral theology, pastoral care and pastoral psychology.

Thu. 9:30 - 12:30

V. Rev. Stavrophor Dr. Milos Vesin

M. 440 -Homiletics I

2 Cr. Hrs.

Introduction; The relationship of theology with homiletics; the preaching of our Lord Jesus Christ; the preaching of the Holy Apostles and their immediate successors. The Golden Age of Christian Homiletics (fourth and fifth centuries)

Thu. 1:00 - 2:30

V. Rev. Dr. Mile Subotic

M. 433 Liturgics I (w/ Christian Archaeology & Church Art)

3 Cr. Hrs.

An introduction to liturgical theology: its task, method and plan. Jewish background. The church building. History of Christian. Chant. Prayer in the Eastern Orthodox tradition. Byzantine- poetical forms and chants of 5th-6th centuries. The liturgical books. The reading of Holy Scripture. Symbols. Development of the Eucharistic prayer from the Chaburah and Passover Seder through the early Christian centuries and traditions.

Fri. 9:30 - 11:00

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mitrophan (Kodic)

V. Rev. Stavrophor Miroslav Simijonovic, PhD

V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD

T. 435 Canon Law and Church Law I & Administration

4 Cr. Hrs.

Studies concerning the institutional and legal nature of church structure, the concept of church law within an organized society, the material and formal sources for the study of church law. Organizational aspects and relations with Western and Eastern states from 313 AD to the present. Organization of the Serbian Orthodox Church, relations with other confessions, and influences. Parish administrative functions, official procedures and documentation, official acts, relations with congregation and various committees and organizations and School Administration.

Tues. 9:30 - 11:00

V. Rev. Stavrophor Zivojin Jakovljevic, PhD

Friday 11:00 - 12:30

Rev. Dragan Arsic, MTh.

L. 407 English VII

2 Cr. Hrs.

This course is designed for high intermediate to advanced level of study. Students will

read a variety of novels, short stories, plays and poetry representing major American writers, along with discussions and writings about major themes from literature.

Tues. and Wed. 1:00 - 2:30

V. Rev. Archmandrite Sergije Puskar, PhD

M. 410 Mission & Senior Seminar I

3 Cr. Hrs.

Continuation of M 410. Students spend 20 hrs. of supervised work in the parish ministry related work.

Mon. 9:30-12:30

V. Rev. Dr. Aleksandar Novakovic

4th Year Schedule - Spring Semester

M 434 Liturgics II (With Christian Archaeology and Church Art)

3 Cr. Hrs.

Daily, weekly and yearly cycles of worship. Liturgical worship and Christian life today. Pascha and major feasts of the Orthodox Church: their origin, basic liturgical structures and theological meaning. Church art from the earliest Christian centuries to the present day, the function of art, symbol and architecture in the worshiping life of the Church. The theology of the icon.

Fri. 9:30 - 11:00

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mitrophan (Kodic)

V. Rev. Stavrophor Miroslav Simijonovic, PhD

V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD

L. 408 English VIII

2 Cr. Hrs.

Continuation of L. 407.

Tuesday 1:00 - 2:30

V. Rev. Dr Archmandrite Sergije Puskar

T. 436 Canon Law and Church Law II

3 Cr. Hrs.

Marital Law, Church Administration and Church Juridical Procedures.

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00

V. Rev. Stavrophor Zivojin Jakovljevic, PhD

Fri. 11:00-12:30

Rev. Dragan Arsic, MTh

M. 410 Mission & Senior Seminar II

3 Cr. Hrs.

Continuation of M 410. Students spend 20 hrs. of supervised work in the parish ministry related work.

Mon. 9:30-12:30

V. Rev. Dr. Aleksandar Novakovic

CHOIR for WORSHIP - ALL STUDENTS

Thu. 2:30 - 4:00

V. Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic, PhD

M. 402-Religious Education-Catechetics II**3 Cr. Hrs.**

Continuation of Course 401 dealing with the modern theories, including Behaviorism, psycho-analysis, and Pragmatism.

Tue. and Wed. 11:00-12:30**Dr. Ruzica Maric****T. 421 Pastoral Theology****3 Cr. Hrs.**

Creative Ministry sessions emphasizing the Orthodox Priest's identity within context of the Parish, and his role as pastor and shepherd of souls.

Thu. 9:30 -12:30**V. Rev. Stavrophor, Dr. Milos Vesin****M 441 Homiletics II****2 Cr. Hrs.**

Types of preaching by content: homilies, festal and special occasions. Parts of preaching: introduction, body and conclusion. Reference work for preaching. The personality of the preacher and practical presentation in church.

Thu. 1:00-2:30**V. Rev. Dr. Mile Subotic**

Graduates, upon ordination, are appointed to Parishes in one of the four dioceses of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada – as pastors, as second priests, or as personnel in the Religious Education departments of respective dioceses or parishes. Some graduates continue postgraduate studies at various theological institutions or Universities. Graduates who have not committed to marriage or to the monastic tonsure yet usually begin an active ministry even before ordination. This would occur either in the US, Canada or in their home Diocese abroad. Some pursue postgraduate studies and actively work in the Religious Educational ministry of the Church and have earned advanced degrees. Over 100 graduates have been ordained to the Priesthood



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IN MEMORY OF METROPOLITAN IRENEY & NEW GRACANICA MONASTERY - ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY RESIDENCE AND DORMITORY OFFICE

In the academic year of 2024, our Serbian Orthodox Church commemorates the 40th anniversary of the New Gracanica Monastery and its founder, the late Metropolitan Iriney. Completed and consecrated in 1984, the New Gracanica Church, along with its main building dedicated to the feast of the “Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God,” stands as an impressive architectural replica of the old Gracanica of Kosovo. Notably, it is eighteen percent larger than the 1321 structure in Serbia.

The visionary behind this church and complex was the late Metropolitan Iriney, who served as Bishop of the Diocese from 1963 until his passing in 1999. He is interred on the right-hand side of the church. His successor, the Rt. Rev. Bishop LONGIN, currently leads the New Gracanica – Midwestern American Diocese, part of the Serbian Orthodox Church headquartered in Belgrade, Serbia, under the leadership of His Holiness Patriarch Porfirie.



The Diocesan complex includes an administration/seminary building, architecturally complementing the church and forming a cross when viewed from above. This building serves multiple purposes, catering to the diverse needs of the religious community.

Among its features are cells for monastics, rooms for students, dormitory and dining facilities for a children's camp, the Central Diocesan Office, the Bishop's office, meeting/conference rooms, the Diocesan Education Department's office, the Diocesan Observer's office, a museum showcasing art and artifacts from native Serbia, a Diocesan Bookstore, and the Joe Buley Memorial Library.



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Our Mission is to serve the Serbian Orthodox Church by providing the highest level of education to our students. To serve the needs of the Church more fully, we also recognize the need to provide, in addition to academic education, also the human, spiritual, and pastoral formation. We accomplish our mission by integrating these four elements, thus successfully preparing students for service to the Church and its needs: clergy, missionaries, iconographers, choir directors, educators, and laity.

