

CODE: THO 2137	TITLE: Selected Topics in Eastern Christian Thought I: Healing in Eastern Christian Thought
CREDITS: 3 cr.	
TERM: Summer 2010	PROFESSOR: Suzette Phillips

DESCRIPTION	With an emphasis on biblical and patristic perspectives of sickness and redemptive suffering, this course will examine the meaning of healing in Eastern Christian thought. After discussing key elements of Christian anthropology, consideration will be given to questions of the origins of sin in a fallen world; its impact on physical, mental and spiritual health; and the healing of human nature by the incarnate Son of God.
OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore the meaning of healing in one's own life and within today's contemporary context - Introduce key components of Eastern Christian Spiritual Theology - Familiarize students with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Concepts of Christian anthropology o The origins of illness o The spiritual meaning of illness o Eastern Christian paths and practices toward healing.
WORKLOAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assigned readings • Class presentations • Written assignments • Final oral exam
EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written assignments 60% • Class presentations 10% • Final oral exam 30%
REQUIRED TEXTS	<p>Jean-Claude Larchet. <i>The Theology of Illness</i> (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2002).</p> <p>Jean-Claude Larchet. <i>Mental Disorders and Spiritual Healing – Teachings from the Early Christian East</i> (Hillsdale, NY: Sophia Perennis, 2005).</p> <p>Jean-Claude Larchet. <i>The Therapy of Spiritual Illness</i> (Montreal, QC: Alexander Press, 2010). Forthcoming English translation of Larchet, Jean-Claude. <i>Thérapeutique des maladies spirituelles: une introduction à la tradition ascétique de l'Église orthodoxe</i> (Paris: Éditions du Cerf, 1997).</p>
RECOMMENDED TEXTS	Špidlík, Tomáš. <i>The Spirituality of the Christian East – A Systematic Handbook, Cistercian Studies Series: Number Seventy-Nine</i> , trans. Anthony P. Gythiel, (Kalamazoo, MI: Cistercian Publications Inc., 1986).

