

<b>CODE:</b> THO 2130	<b>TITLE:</b> Foundations of Eastern Christian Theology
<b>CREDITS:</b> 3 cr.	
<b>TERM:</b> Fall 2010	<b>PROFESSOR:</b> Peter Galadza

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	An analysis of the fundamental categories of faith, revelation, Tradition; and Eastern Christian theological method; and an introduction to the living monuments and media of the Holy Spirit's life in the Church: Scripture, the Creeds, Councils, worship, the Fathers and Mothers, iconography, hagiography, and the canonical tradition.
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To introduce the student to the underlying modalities of faith and revelation especially in light of contemporary scepticism and hermeneutical concerns.</li> <li>- To familiarize the student with theological methods (particularly apophaticism and antinomy).</li> <li>- To expose the student to the Eastern Christian approach to the Bible; the status and meaning of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed and other conciliar formulations; the idea of worship as theology enfleshed; the role and method of patristic interpretation; iconography and hagiography as <i>loci theologici</i>.</li> <li>- To analyze and critique the notion of "Tradition."</li> </ul>
<b>WORKLOAD</b>	<p>Class participation  Four short written reflections  Analytical book review  Final oral exam</p>
<b>EVALUATION</b>	<p>Class participation - 15%  Four short written reflections - 20%  Analytical book review (10-12 pages) – 30% - due November 15  Final oral exam - 35%</p>
<b>REQUIRED TEXTS</b>	<p>Peter Bouteneff, <i>Sweeter than Honey: Orthodox Thinking on Dogma and Truth</i>, Foundations Series, 3 (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2006)  James R. Payton, <i>Light from the Christian East: An Introduction to the Orthodox Tradition</i> (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2007)  John Behr, <i>The Mystery of Christ: Life in Death</i> (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2006)</p>
<b>RECOMMENDED TEXTS</b>	<p>Light for Life Committee, <i>The Mystery Believed</i> (Pittsburgh: God with Us Publications, 1994)</p>