

Course Syllabus
TRP2123 – Orthodox Eucharistic Liturgies and Liturgical Theology
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Instructor Information

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Course Identification

Course Number: TRP2123
Course Format: *In-class or Online*
Course Name: Orthodox Eucharistic Liturgies and Liturgical Theology
Course Location: Larkin Building, Room 213 (*and online section*)
Class Times: Mondays 7pm to 9.30pm
Prerequisites: None

Course Description

This course will explore through classroom lectures and seminar discussions the texts and pastoral practice of the core liturgical rites for the Divine Eucharist in the Byzantine (Orthodox and Eastern Catholic) churches, including the historical evolution and theological meaning of those rites. Guest lectures will also cover the Eucharistic liturgies of the Oriental Orthodox churches, specifically the Coptic and Ethiopian rites. The course will also explore the concept of liturgical theology.

Students will be evaluated on their class participation, a text commentary and liturgical reflection paper, a research paper and final oral exam.

For the online section, students may participate in real time via Zoom videoconference. Classroom lectures and seminars will also be recorded and made available to view on the course portal. Participation can be via online discussion forums, and the final oral exam will be arranged by videoconference.

Expanded Course Description

This course includes reading, basic knowledge and pastoral practice of the core liturgical rites for the Divine Eucharist in the Byzantine (Orthodox and Eastern Catholic) churches, and also includes an overview of the liturgical history of the evolution of those rites. Guest lectures will also cover the Eucharistic liturgies of the Oriental Orthodox churches, specifically the Coptic and Ethiopian rites.

The course's aim includes not only historical knowledge or simple encounter with these texts and rubrics, but also theological grasp of the significance, the reasons, the deep exegetical meanings, and also the 'poetics', which underlie the present form and practice of Eucharistic rites. In the Orthodox Way, in Liturgy, the Orthodox faithful discover the reality of church as community and the final reality of *theosis*, the way toward God.

This course offers a first introduction to Fr Alexander Schmemmann's concept of liturgical theology; but it is also necessary to ground Schmemmann's modern contribution in historical roots, viz., the patristic 'mystagogical' writings about the Liturgy from the 2nd-14th centuries.

By the end of this course students should know reasonably well the Liturgies of St John Chrysostom and St Basil the Great, and the Presanctified Liturgy, and they should have a reasonable grasp of how these liturgies came to have their present structure. Students will need to have attended at least two celebrations of the Divine Liturgy, because awareness of liturgical prayer requires experiential wholeness – sound, sight, smell, words, light and dark, movement in the worship space, and human company.

One of the key themes of the course is the dynamic quality of liturgical form and action, and its responsiveness to social and pastoral context. It is to this end that elements of the historical development of Orthodox liturgical worship will be an important aspect of the course, together with the theological, social, and ecclesiological issues which contextualise that historical development. Modern problematics in liturgical practice and the discussion of liturgical reform and renewal will also be engaged in this context.

There will be some treatment of the development of church architecture as 'worship space', but this is covered more fully in the *Orthodox Iconology: Iconography in a Worship Context* and *Proclaiming the Kingdom: Orthodox Homiletics and Liturgical Celebration* courses. Also the cycles of the daily liturgical offices and church year are introduced, but these are the main subject of the *Sanctification of Time: Orthodox Liturgy of the Hours and Liturgical Year* course. Further treatment of the holy mysteries (sacraments) of the Orthodox tradition is the subject of the *Sanctification of Life: The Orthodox Mysteries* course.

There are no prerequisites for this course, though students who take this course should have a good grounding in both Old and New Testament. Students without such a background should speak to the instructor who will provide some remedial reading prior to beginning the course.

Some familiarity with Greek (New Testament or Patristic) will be helpful for in-depth study of the liturgical texts and patristic commentaries, though all texts will be studied in English translation.

Course Resources

Required Texts

The following books should be acquired for this course as they will be read in their entirety. Copies will also be placed on reserve at Trinity College Library.

- Alexander Schmemmann, *The Eucharist* (SVS Press)
- Hugh Wybrew, *The Orthodox Liturgy* (SVS Press)

Students may also wish to acquire the following book from which readings will be assigned during the course. A copy will also be placed on reserve at Trinity College Library.

- Lucien Deiss, *Springtime of the Liturgy* (Liturgical Press)

Required Course Readings

In addition to the above required books, course readings will be provided via the course portal, which students can choose to view online or download and print.

Included in this course pack will be the following texts:

- *Liturgy of St John Chrysostom* and *Liturgy of St Basil the Great*, including hierarchical rubrics and additional texts, *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*, and *Liturgy of St James* (all in English translation, but with some Greek texts for reference)
- Selections from Coptic and Ethiopian Orthodox Eucharistic Liturgies
- Patristic mystagogy: selected texts from Germanus of Constantinople, Dionysius, and Maximus the Confessor
- Selections from Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World; Liturgy and Tradition; Great Lent* (all SVS Press)
- Robert Taft, selected essays
- Selections from Thomas Pott, *Byzantine Liturgical Reform: A Study of Liturgical Change in the Byzantine Tradition* (SVS Press)

Please note that the readings in the course pack represent only a minimal selection; students are strongly encouraged to pursue further reading from the following list, as time permits.

Recommended Books

The following books are recommended for this course, both to supplement in-class / online discussion and for the preparation of research papers.

- Georges Barrois, *Jesus Christ and the Temple* (SVS Press)
- René Bornert, *Les commentaires byzantins de la divine liturgie du VIIe au XVe siècle* (Institut français d'études byzantines)
- Nicholas Cabasilas, *Commentary on the Divine Liturgy* (SVS Press)
- Jean Corbon, *The Wellspring of Worship* (Ignatius Press)
- Nicholas Denysenko, *The People's Faith: The Liturgy of the Faithful in Orthodoxy* (Fortress Academic)
- David Fagerberg, *Theologia Prima: What Is Liturgical Theology?* (Hillenbrand Books)

- Lawrence Farley, *Let Us Attend: A Journey Through the Divine Liturgy* (Ancient Faith)
- Hieromonk Gregorios, *The Divine Liturgy: A Commentary in the Light of the Fathers* (Newrome Press)
- Emmanuel Hatzidakis, *The Heavenly Banquet: Understanding the Divine Liturgy* (Orthodox Witness)
- Edith Humphrey, *Grand Entrance: Worship on Earth as in Heaven* (Brazos Press)
- Eugene LaVerdiere, *The Eucharist in the New Testament and Early Church* (Liturgical Press)
- Juan Mateos, *La célébration de la parole dans la liturgie byzantine : étude historique* (Pontificium Institutum Studiorum Orientalium)
- Thomas Matthews, *The Early Churches of Constantinople: Architecture and Liturgy* (Pennsylvania State University Press)
- Stelyios Muksuris, *Economia & Eschatology: Liturgical Mystagogy in the Byzantine Prothesis Rite* (Holy Cross Press)
- Walter Ray, *Tasting Heaven on Earth: Worship in Sixth-Century Constantinople* (Eerdmans)
- Alexander Schmemmann, *Introduction to Liturgical Theology* (SVS Press)
- Hans-Joachim Schulz, *The Byzantine Liturgy* (Pueblo)
- Stephen Wilbricht, *Rehearsing God's Just Kingdom: The Eucharistic Vision of Mark Searle* (Pueblo)
- Robert Taft, *The Byzantine Rite: A Short History* (Liturgical Press)
- Robert Taft, *The Great Entrance: A History of the Transfer of Gifts and Other Pre-Anaphoral Rites* (Pontificium Institutum Studiorum Orientalium)
- Robert Taft, *Through their own Eyes: Liturgy as the Byzantines saw it* (InterOrthodox Press)
- Archimandrite Vasileos, *Hymn of Entry: Liturgy and Life in the Orthodox Church*
- Kallistos Ware, *Communion and Intercommunion* (Light and Life)
- Benjamin Williams and Harold Anstall, *Orthodox Worship: A Living Continuity with the Synagogue, the Temple and the Early Church* (Light and Life)
- John Zizioulas, *Being as Communion: Studies in Personhood and the Church* (SVS Press)
- John Zizioulas, *The Eucharistic Communion and the World* (T&T Clark)

Course Portal

- Quercus: <https://q.utoronto.ca/>

This course uses Quercus for its course website. To access it, go to the UofT Quercus login page at <https://q.utoronto.ca/> and login using your UTORid and password. Once you have logged in to Quercus using your UTORid and password, look for the **My Courses** module, where you'll find the link to the website for all your Quercus-based courses. (Your course registration with ACORN gives you access to the course website in Quercus.) Information for students about using Quercus can be found at: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701> . Students who have trouble accessing Quercus should ask Sydney Yeung (divinity@trinity.utoronto.ca) for further help.

Course Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Basic Degree Level Outcomes

(A) IN RESPECT OF GENERAL ACADEMIC SKILLS

Students successfully completing this course will be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

- the ability to distinguish primary sources from secondary sources
- the ability to provide a plausible analysis of a primary source in theological studies according to its genre, purpose, assumptions or tendency, and intended audience
- the ability to give an accurate summary of the substance of a secondary source in theological studies, to give a plausible account of its place in the discussions or controversies of an academic or faith community, and to evaluate whether its approach to solving a problem is appropriate
- the ability to pose a clear substantial question for reflection or research in Biblical studies, history, and doctrine
- the ability to gather information in theological studies
- the ability to apply learning from one or more areas outside theological studies
- an understanding of the limits to his or her own knowledge and ability, and an appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits to knowledge and how these might influence analyses and interpretations
- qualities and skills necessary for ministry, further study, and community involvement
- the ability to exercise initiative, personal responsibility, and accountability in both personal and group contexts
- the ability to work effectively with others
- the ability to manage his or her own learning
- behaviour consistent with academic integrity and social responsibility

(B) IN RESPECT OF THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTENT OF ONE OR MORE THEOLOGICAL DISCIPLINES

Students successfully completing this course will be able to:

- recall the significant milestones in the historical development of Orthodox Eucharistic Liturgies
- describe the three main Byzantine rites – used by the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches – for the Eucharistic Liturgy, including hierarchical rubrics, as well as some distinctive aspects of Oriental Orthodox Eucharistic Liturgies
- describe and analyse the major pastoral and eschatological themes of modern liturgical theology, and compare them to the patristic tradition of mystagogical exegesis of the liturgical experience

(C) IN RESPECT OF PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Students successfully completing this course will be able to:

- read and interpret liturgical texts, not just as ritual rules but as expressions of lived theology, spirituality, and ecclesiology

(D) IN RESPECT OF MINISTERIAL AND PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

Students successfully completing this course will be able to:

- evaluate contemporary liturgical practice in relation to this historical context, and assess the need for liturgical reform/renewal today

Evaluation

Requirements

The final grade for the course will be based on the following areas:

- **Class participation (10%):** most sessions will include a period of discussion of primary sources and liturgical texts. All students are expected to read all texts thoroughly. Students will be assigned a grade based upon their preparedness for and participation in these sessions. *Online students who are not able to participate in real time will be given opportunities to participate via online discussion forums or other means.*
- **Text commentary presentation (10%):** students will prepare and deliver a 10-minute presentation during Week 2 or 3, summarising and commenting on an assigned liturgical text or primary source commentary. *Online students may prepare a recorded video blog or a short written article in place of a classroom presentation.*
- **Liturgical reflection (10%):** students will write a 400-500 word reflection following a visit to one of the liturgical services (the class visits to participate in the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom or Presanctified Liturgy, or a self-arranged visit to an Ethiopian or Coptic Liturgy).
- **Research paper (40%):** students will write a 2,000-2,500 word paper on a topic of their choice to be agreed with the instructor, and also present a brief summary of their research to the class during the final session (10% of the value of this assignment will be for the oral presentation).
- **Oral final exam (30%):** students will be assigned a take-home exam sheet requiring commentary on liturgical or other primary source texts and responses to essay questions. Having prepared their responses at home they will present them orally to the instructor during an examination timeslot.

Assignment Due Dates

Liturgical reflection

Due date: Friday 12 April.

Research paper

Due date: Friday 12 April

Summary presentation date: Monday 1 April

Oral final exam

Exam questions will be given out in the final class: Monday 1 April

Oral examination: TBD during the week of Monday 8 April to Friday 12 April

Grading System - Basic Degree Students

1000, 2000 and 3000 level courses use the following numerical grading scale (see section 11.2 of the BD Handbook):

90-100 (A+)	Exceptional
85-89 (A)	Outstanding
80-84 (A-)	Excellent
77-79 (B+)	Very Good
73-76 (B)	Good
70-72 (B-)	Acceptable
0-69 (FZ)	Failure

Please see the appropriate handbook for more details about the grading scale and non-numerical grades (e.g. SDF, INC, etc).

Late work (BD). Basic Degree students are expected to hand in assignments by the date given in the course outline. [The instructor should stipulate the penalty for late work.] The absolute deadline for the course is the examination day scheduled for the course or the last day of exam week for the semester in which the course is taught, whichever is sooner.

This penalty is not applied to students with documented medical or compassionate difficulties or exceptional reasons (e.g., a death in the family or a serious illness); students facing such difficulties are kindly requested to consult with their faculty adviser or basic degree director, who should make a recommendation on the matter to the instructor and request an SDF. The absolute deadline for obtaining an SDF for the course is the examination day scheduled for the course or the last day of examination week, whichever is sooner. An SDF must be requested from the registrar's office in the student's college of registration no later than the last day of exam week in which the course is taken. The SDF, when approved, will have a mutually agreed upon deadline that does not extend beyond the conclusion of the following term. If a student has not completed work but has not been granted an SDF, a final mark will be submitted calculating a zero for work not submitted.

Course grades. Consistently with the policy of the University of Toronto, course grades submitted by an instructor are reviewed by a committee of the instructor's college before being posted to ACORN. Grades are not official until they are posted to ACORN. Course grades may be adjusted where they do not comply with University Assessment and Grading Practices Policy found at www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/Assets/Governing+Council+Digital+Assets/Policies/PDF/grading.pdf, policies found in the TST conjoint program handbooks, or college grading policy.

Policies

Accessibility. Students with a disability or health consideration, whether temporary or permanent, are entitled to accommodation. Students in conjoint degree programs must register at the University of Toronto's Accessibility Services offices; information is available at <http://www.accessibility.utoronto.ca/>. The sooner a student seeks accommodation, the quicker we can assist.

Plagiarism. Students submitting written material in courses are expected to provide full documentation for sources of both words and ideas in footnotes or endnotes. Direct quotations should be placed within quotation marks. (If small changes are made in the quotation, they should be indicated by appropriate punctuation such as brackets and ellipses, but the quotation still counts as a direct

quotation.) Failure to document borrowed material constitutes plagiarism, which is a serious breach of academic, professional, and Christian ethics. An instructor who discovers evidence of student plagiarism is not permitted to deal with the situation individually but is required to report it to his or her head of college or delegate according to the TST *Basic Degree Handbook* and the Graduate program Handbooks (linked from <http://www.tst.edu/academic/resources-forms/handbooks> and the University of Toronto *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters* <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=4871>. A student who plagiarizes in this course will be assumed to have read the document "Avoidance of plagiarism in theological writing" published by the Graham Library of Trinity and Wycliffe Colleges http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/Library_Archives/Theological_Resources/Tools/Guides/plag.htm.

Other academic offences. TST students come under the jurisdiction of the University of Toronto *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters* <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>.

Back-up copies. Please make back-up copies of essays before handing them in.

Obligation to check email. At times, the course instructor may decide to send out important course information by email. To that end, all students in conjoint programs are required to have a valid utoronto email address. Students must have set up their utoronto email address which is entered in the ACORN system. Information is available at www.utorid.utoronto.ca. The course instructor will not be able to help you with this. 416-978-HELP and the Help Desk at the Information Commons can answer questions you may have about your UTORid and password. *Students should check utoronto email regularly* for messages about the course. **Forwarding** your utoronto.ca email to a Hotmail, Gmail, Yahoo or other type of email account is not advisable. In some cases, messages from utoronto.ca addresses sent to Hotmail, Gmail or Yahoo accounts are filtered as junk mail, which means that emails from your course instructor may end up in your spam or junk mail folder. Students in non-conjoint programs should contact the Registrar of their college of registration.

Email communication with the course instructor. The instructor aims to respond to email communications from students in a timely manner. *All email communications from students in conjoint programs must be sent from a utoronto email address.* Email communications from other email addresses are not secure, and also the instructor cannot readily identify them as being legitimate emails from students. The instructor is not obliged to respond to email from non-utoronto addresses for students in conjoint programs. Students in non-conjoint programs should only use the email address they have provided to their college of registration.

Course Schedule

Please note that alternative and additional liturgical experience opportunities may be made besides the class visits listed below to accommodate different schedules and commitments, including those of online students not based in the greater Toronto area.

Week 1 (Monday 7 January) – Introduction to the course and liturgical theology

- Course overview and expectations
- Introduction to liturgical theology, methodology and terminology
- Patristic and scholastic approaches, and the meaning of *lex orandi est lex credendi*
- Introduction of readings and methodology

Readings

- Thomas Pott, *Byzantine Liturgical Reform*, pp 78-80: “What is liturgy?”
- Fr Alexander Schmemmann, *Liturgy and Tradition*, pp 11-20: “Theology and liturgical tradition”

Week 2 (Monday 14 January) – Early history and development of Eucharistic liturgies

- Survey of the history of the Liturgy from the Old Testament to the end of the 4th century
- Worship in the Bible, both Old and New Testament
- Worship in the early church, including within its eschatological worldview
- Development of liturgical tradition and of the structure of Eucharistic liturgies
- Study of early liturgical sources and commentaries
- The meaning of 'typology' and 'allegory'

Readings

- Hugh Wybrew, *The Orthodox Liturgy* pp 13-66
- Peter Galadza, “Review: *The Orthodox Liturgy*”

Primary Sources

Primary texts drawn from Lucien Deiss, *Springtime of the Liturgy*. If you cannot acquire or get access to a copy of this at the library, there is a 60%-70% complete version online at Google Books.

Students will be assigned and focus on different primary texts within this collection as follows:

Biblical sources

- *OT and Jewish liturgy*, pp 3-19
- *Institution of the Eucharist*, pp 22-26
- *NT hymns*, pp 29-69

Early church (first three centuries)

- *Didache*, pp 73-77
- *Clement of Rome to the Corinthians*, pp 81-85
- *Justin Martyr*, pp 89-94
- *Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus of Rome*, pp 123-153

Early church (fourth century)

- *Apostolic Constitutions*, pp 213-240
- *Catecheses of Cyril of Jerusalem*, pp 269-289

Early oriental Orthodox tradition

- *Anaphora of Addai and Mari*, pp 157-163
- *Euchology of Serapion of Thmuis*, pp 183-208
- *Euchology of Der Balyzeh*, pp 243-248

Text Commentaries (Weeks 2 and 3)

The rough format for this 10-minute class presentation should be something along the lines of:

- introduction (date, provenance, context of text) = 1 minute
- summary of key liturgical themes (highlighting key quotations) = 6 minutes
- commentary/reflection on meaning = 3 minutes

The online version of this would have the same structure in the form of a 10-minute video blog (nothing fancy — a smartphone-taken video is fine) or a 500-word commentary blog article posted to the online discussion forum.

Week 3 (Monday 21 January) – Historical development of the Liturgy from the early centuries to the present

- Continued study of early liturgical sources and commentaries
- Historical development of the Eucharistic liturgies (including in relation to wider liturgical development)
- Study of patristic ‘mystagogical’ commentaries on the Divine Liturgy
- Development of church architecture and liturgical appointments
- The meaning of ‘symbol’ and ‘sacred’

Document

- Chart of the historical development of the Orthodox Divine Liturgy from the 4th to 14th centuries

Readings

- Hugh Wybrew, *The Orthodox Liturgy* pp 67-180
- Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World* pp 135-151: “Sacrament and Symbol”
- Robert Taft, “The Liturgy of the Great Church: An Initial Synthesis of Structure and Interpretation on the Eve of Iconoclasm”

Primary Sources

- Dionysius, *The Ecclesiastical Hierarchy*
- Maximus the Confessor, *The Church's Mystagogy*
- Germanus of Constantinople, *On the Divine Liturgy*

Week 4 (Monday 28 January) – In-depth study of the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom: The Liturgy of the Catechumens

- The text and theological significance of the first part of the Divine Liturgy will be studied under the following topics:
 - The Sacrament of the Assembly
 - The Sacrament of the Kingdom
 - The Sacrament of Entrance
 - The Sacrament of the Word
- NB: the in-depth study will consider both normal and ‘hierarchical’ (or pontifical) texts/rubrics

Readings

- Alexander Schmemmann, *The Eucharist*, pp 9-80

Primary Sources

- “Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom” from *Service Books of the Orthodox Church*, pp 31-47
- *Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom in Greek*, pp 1-9

Week 5 (Monday 4 February) – In-depth study of the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom: The Liturgy of the Faithful (part I)

- The text and theological significance of the central part of the Divine Liturgy will be studied under the following topics:
 - The Sacrament of the Faithful
 - The Sacrament of Offering
 - The Sacrament of Anaphora
 - The Sacrament of Thanksgiving
 - The Sacrament of Remembrance

Readings

- Alexander Schmemmann, *The Eucharist*, pp 81-211

Primary Sources

- “Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom” from *Service Books of the Orthodox Church*, pp 47-68
- *Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom in Greek*, pp 9-22

Week 6 (Monday 11 February) – In-depth study of the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom: The Liturgy of the Faithful (part II)

- The text and theological significance of the final part of the Divine Liturgy will be studied under the following topics:
 - The Sacrament of the Holy Spirit
 - The Sacrament of Communion
- Review and re-evaluation of patristic mystagogy

Readings

- Alexander Schmemmann, *The Eucharist*, pp 213-245

Primary Sources

- “Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom” from *Service Books of the Orthodox Church*, pp 69-93
- *Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom in Greek*, pp 22-36

Sunday 17 February, 10am – Class Visit to Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom (Trinity College Chapel)

*** Come at 9.15am to participate in a teaching of the Liturgy of Preparation**

Monday 18 February – Reading Week

Week 7 (Monday 25 February) – Eucharistic Liturgies in the Coptic Orthodox Tradition

- Further reflection on the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom (following visit)
- Guest lecture to explore the history and development of the Coptic liturgical rites and the distinctive features of their Eucharistic liturgies

Primary Sources

- *Coptic Orthodox Liturgy of St Basil*
- Please also review: *Catecheses of Cyril of Jerusalem*, pp 269-289 (in *Springtime of the Liturgy* collection)

Week 8 (Monday 4 March) – Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great

- The distinctive features of the Liturgy of St Basil (compared to the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom)
- Evening ‘Vesperal’ Liturgies (Nativity, Theophany and Pascha)

Primary Sources

- “Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great” from *Service Books of the Orthodox Church*

Week 9 (Monday 11 March) – The Liturgy of St James and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

- History, development and themes of the Liturgy of St James, and modern efforts to renew it
- History, development and themes of the Orthodox Lenten Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Readings

- Alexander Schmemmann, “Presanctified Liturgy,” from *Great Lent*

Primary Sources

- *Liturgy of St James*
- “Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts” from *Service Books of the Orthodox Church*

Friday 15 March, 6pm – Class Visit to Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (St Sophia Chapel)

Week 10 (Monday 18 March) – Eucharistic Liturgies in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tradition

- Further reflection on the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (following visit)
- Guest lecture to explore the history and development of the Ethiopian liturgical rites and the distinctive features of their Eucharistic liturgies
- The Eucharist ‘outside’ the Liturgy

Primary Sources

- *The Liturgy of the Ethiopian Church*

Monday 25 March, 5pm – Class Visit to Vespers Liturgy of St John Chrysostom (St Sophia Chapel)

Week 11 (Monday 25 March) – Worship in a Secular Age, and Liturgical ‘Renewal’ in the Orthodox Church

- Building on themes discussed throughout the course, an exploration of the question of worship today, the need for liturgical ‘renewal’ as well as its countercurrents within the Orthodox Church

Readings

- Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*, pp 117-134: “Worship in a Secular Age”
- Alexander Schmemmann, *Great Lent*, pp 107-133: “Holy Things for the Holy”
- Paul Meyendorff, “Liturgical Life in the Parish: Present and Future Realities”
- Peter Galadza, “Restoring the Icon: Reflections on the Reform of Byzantine Worship”
- Thomas Pott, *Byzantine Liturgical Reform*, pp 37-77 and 261-271

Optional Readings

- Nicholas Denysenko, “Liturgical Innovations in the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church of 1921-1936”
- Nicholas Denysenko, “A Proposal for Renewing Liturgy in the Twenty-First Century”

Week 12 (Monday 1 April) – Course Review

- Review of course themes and preparation for the final exam
- Student presentations of their research papers

Please note that this syllabus is subject to change in accordance with the regulations in the TST *Basic Degree Handbook*.