An introduction to the teachings and practice of the

Orthodox Church in the 21st Century

The Venue:

The Orthodox Church of the Nativity of the Mother of God

63 Dale Street

Palfrey, Walsall

West Midlands, WS1 4AN

Who is it for?

For men and women who: wish to serve in a leadership role in the Church and need a foundation for further study; or are involved with choir, serving and catechesis or who would like to be; or are just interested and want to increase their knowledge and understanding.

The aim is to provide students who wish to be more involved in the work of the Church with sufficient instruction for them to take on their various roles, and to provide a foundation for further Orthodox Theological Study

Who awards the certificate and the diploma?

The seminary is part of the Archdiocese and His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain will award the certificates.

Those who wish to study, but find the financial commitment difficult, should not be put off, as bursaries of up to 50% may be available in certain circumstances. Potential students should apply in writing to the Principal.

Cost:

£350 per calendar year (if students do not wish to write the seminar papers and essay, the certificate course would cost £300).

There is also a Diploma course which is a two year course and costs **£400** p/year.

There is also an Advanced Diploma course for one year and costs **£200** p/year.

Payment can be made in full or in instalments. Your parish may wish to sponsor you.

There is a bursary of 50% for those who wish to do the course but find the fees difficult.

Admission requirements:

Students will have a good grasp of the English language and will have received a secondary school education.

Date and Time:

Starting September 2015 and then every second Saturday of the month until June 2016. The months of July and August are holidays.

10.00am - 5.00pm divided into 5 sessions

The Certificate Course - a one-year practical course:

i) Church Practice, ii) Church History, iii) Introducing the Church Canons, iv) Faith and Worship, v) The Life in Christ, vi) God, Creation, the Fall and the work of Jesus Christ, vii) Introducing the Old Testament, viii) Introducing the New Testament

Assessment:the Certificate course is examined by one 2000 word essay and a number of 500 word (max) seminar papers presented by the students.

These courses build on the ten years' experience of the Midlands Orthodox Study Centre, which included a partnership

with the University of Wales, Lampeter, who awarded the qualifications until December 2011. The seminary has a growing and reasonably comprehensive library thanks to some important recent bequests.

His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain, has decided that this centre should become the Thyateira Midland Ecclesiastical Seminary, with the object of helping to prepare the faithful for further service in the Church.

The Staff:

Principal: Very Revd Proto-presbyter Fr John Nankivell

Lecturers: Very Revd Proto-presbyter Fr Stephen Maxfield

Dr Nicolai Lipatov

Visiting lecturers

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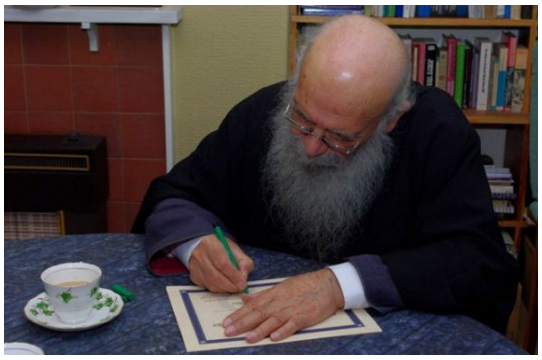
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