

ENTERING THE Kingdom



THE 2019-2020 CATECHETICAL SCHOOL OF
HOLY ANNUNCIATION ORTHODOX CHURCH, BRISBANE

Taught on Sundays starting at 11:30am

in the HAOC Church Office

163 Park Road, Woolloongabba

Open to all who wish to learn more about Orthodox Christianity.

All talks will be in English, and are designed for those aged 16 and up.

Entering the Kingdom is a series that will teach you about all the fundamental teachings of the Orthodox Church – including the Nicene Creed, who is God, what humans are and how we are saved, how we are to live, the Sacraments of the Church that Christ founded, and how we are to get closer to our loving God.

We'll be addressing important issues for Orthodox Christian life and faith, in a way that everyone will understand and be able to apply it to their own life.

While each talk is compulsory for all those seeking to enter the Orthodox Church, this course is also highly recommended for Orthodox Christians who want to know and understand their faith.

For more information: info@holyannunciation.net – www.HolyAnnunciation.net/Catechism

Our Parish Schedule: www.HolyAnnunciation.net/Schedule

4 AUGUST 2019: A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO ORTHODOXY

We'll answer, 'What is the Good News of Salvation?', before outlining Orthodox theology, practice and spirituality.

11 AUGUST 2019: A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHURCH

The story of God's love for us – from Jerusalem in 33AD to Brisbane today.

25 AUGUST 2019: THE TRIUNE GOD

We'll explain our belief in the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one God.

15 SEPTEMBER 2019: ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST

We'll answer 'who is this Man, Jesus Christ', discussing the Divine and Human natures of Christ.

13 OCTOBER 2019: THE NATURE, VALUE & PURPOSE OF THE HUMAN PERSON

In this talk, we talk about the God's purpose for humanity, the impact of both the Fall and the Resurrection on humanity and individuals, the nature of the human person, and our common existential crisis and its resolution.

20 OCTOBER 2019: OUR RETURN TO GOD

We believe God loved us too much to let us be away from Him. We'll discuss what sin is, and how humanity was saved from it by Christ; and, we'll talk about how we are individually saved, and how we repent from our own sins.

3 NOVEMBER 2019: CHRIST'S CHURCH

What it means to be 'One', 'Holy', 'Catholic', 'Apostolic' and 'Church', and why being Orthodox matters.

10 NOVEMBER 2019: A GUIDE TO THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

We'll explaining how we reconnect with God, and look at spiritual disciplines like prayer, fasting, charity, and more.

24 NOVEMBER 2019: OUR CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES

In this talk, we explain the things that we 'just do', but also why we do them, and how they transmit the faith.

1 DECEMBER 2019: 'BE YE HOLY': ETHICS FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

How Orthodox should behave and conduct themselves, and the Orthodox approach to various ethical issues.

23 FEBRUARY 2020: VIGIL & CONFESSION

We'll discuss our Saturday evening service, which gives us a space for prayer, musical education, and Confession.

8 MARCH 2020: LITURGY & COMMUNION

We'll discuss the sequence and meaning of the Divine Liturgy, the significance of the church building where we celebrate the Liturgy, and the importance of the Sacrament of Communion to our lives.

15 MARCH 2020: BAPTISM & CHRISMATION

We'll discuss the theological and practical aspects of the Sacrament where Christians are born.

22 MARCH 2020: MARRIAGE AND OTHER SERVICES

We have a number of Sacraments and even more services. We go through some of the most important ones – including Marriage, Unction, the Moleben and the Water Blessing.

29 MARCH 2020: MEMORIALS, FUNERALS & THE SOUL

We'll discuss what happens to a person who has died, and how those left behind can best care for them.

5 APRIL 2020: EVANGELISM AND APOLOGETICS

How we can respond to common attacks on belief, Christianity and Orthodoxy, and even share our faith with others.