

CODE:	THO 3332	TITLE:	Selected Topics in Eastern Christian Liturgy/Sacraments: Marriage
CREDITS:	3 cr.		
TERM:	Winter 2016	PROFESSOR:	Michael Winn
DESCRIPTION	The course will examine the Eastern Christian theological understanding of marriage from a variety of perspectives – biblical, patristic, liturgical, canonical, ethical, and pastoral. It will include a focus on the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships as they pertain to the patristic notion of theosis (the sanctification and healing of the person). Some attention will be given to the Church's developed strategy of pre-marital counselling, marriage enrichment, and those issues which negatively affect marital and family relations, such as addictions and abuse.		
OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To familiarize students with the sources of the Eastern Christian theological understanding of marriage. 2. To provide students with an awareness of the evolution of the rites of marriage. 3. To gain familiarity with the historical and theological development of marriage in order to enable students to apply the theological vision of marriage in the contemporary world. 		
WORKLOAD	Preparatory readings prior to each class (25-40 pages) Three Readings Quizzes Paper (8-10 pages) Take home mid-term exam (written) Final oral exam on full course (20 minutes; written final exam may be requested)		
EVALUATION	Class participation – 10% Three Reading Quizzes– 20% Mid-term Exam (written take-home) – 20% Research paper – 25% Final exam - 25%		
REQUIRED TEXTS	Evdokimov, Paul. <i>The Sacrament of Love</i> . New York: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2002. Meyendorff, John. <i>Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective</i> . New York: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2002. These books are available either through Amazon.ca or directly from SVS Press. Other readings will be made available to students via Blackboard.		
RECOMMENDED TEXTS			