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**DESCRIPTION**
An analysis of the fundamental categories of faith, revelation and tradition within the Eastern Christian context, as understood according to its distinctive theological methodology, as well as a survey of the living monuments and media of the Holy Spirit's life in the Church: Scripture, creeds, councils, liturgy, patrology, iconography, hagiography, and the canonical tradition.

**OBJECTIVES**
- To introduce the underlying modalities of faith and revelation especially in light of contemporary skepticism and hermeneutical concerns
- To become familiar with the characteristic methods of Orthodox theology (particularly apophaticism and antimony)
- 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 *loci theologici*.
- To analyze and critique the notion of "Tradition"

**WORKLOAD**
- Class Participation
- 3 Reflection Papers (500 words each)
- Written Mid-Term Exam
- Analysis of Primary Source (2500-3000 words)
- Oral Presentation of Primary Source
- Oral Final Exam

**EVALUATION**
- 10% - Class Participation
- 15% - Reflection Papers (3 x 5%)
- 20% - Written Mid-Term Exam
- 20% - Analysis of Primary Source
- 5% - Oral Presentation of Primary Source
- 30% - Oral Final Exam

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

**RECOMMENDED TEXT**