

<b>CODE:</b>	THO 6352	<b>TITLE:</b>	Women in the Eastern Christian Traditions
<b>CREDITS:</b>	3 cr.		
<b>TERM:</b>	Fall 2013	<b>PROFESSOR:</b>	Brian A. Butcher

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	A critical analysis of the identity and role of women in the various Eastern Christian traditions, from the early centuries of the Church to the present. Diverse genres will be explored, including church history, patrology, hagiography, iconography, hymnography and canonical texts as well as modern works in religious sociology and feminist theology.
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To become familiar with the extant literature by and about women in the Byzantine, Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian, Syrian, and Indian (Malankara) Christian traditions</li> <li>• To consider the historical roles played by women in the Eastern Churches, from housewife to hermit, empress to abbess to deaconess</li> <li>• To probe the depictions of women in Eastern Christian art, hymnography and hagiography</li> <li>• To reflect on the ministries women have exercised in Eastern Christian worship and church life, in light of contemporary concerns</li> <li>• To engage with feminist theology from Orthodox and Eastern Catholic perspectives</li> </ul>
<b>WORKLOAD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Participation</li> <li>• 3 Reading Summaries (3 x 500-750 words [2-3 pages])</li> <li>• Research Paper (3250-3750 words [13-15 pages])</li> <li>• Oral Presentation (20 minutes) &amp; Moderation of Class Discussion</li> <li>• Oral Final Exam</li> </ul>
<b>EVALUATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% - Class Participation</li> <li>• 15% - Reading Summaries (3 X 5%)</li> <li>• 30% - Research Paper</li> <li>• 15% - Oral Presentation &amp; Moderation of Class Discussion</li> <li>• 30% - Oral Final Exam</li> </ul>
<b>REQUIRED TEXTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J.M. Lasser, ed. <i>Women in the Orthodox Church: Past Roles, Future Paradigms</i> (New York: Theotokos Press, 2009)</li> <li>• Kyriaki Kardoyanes Fitzgerald, ed. <i>Orthodox Women Speak: Discerning the "Signs of the Times"</i> (Geneva: WCC Publications, 1999)</li> <li>• Alice-Mary Talbot, <i>Holy Women of Byzantium: Ten Saints' Lives in English Translation</i> (Washington, D.C: Dumbarton Oaks, 1996)</li> <li>• THO 6352 Anthology of Selected Readings</li> </ul>
<b>RECOMMENDED TEXT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elisabeth Behr-Siegel &amp; Kallistos Ware, <i>The Ordination of Women in the Orthodox Church</i> (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2000)</li> </ul>