Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute

Spring 2014 Class Offerings

The Byzantine Life of Christ: Metropolitan Nikitas, John Klentos, Rossitza Shcroeder
Monday : 9:40 – 12:30

This course will be concerned with the visual and literary representations of the life of Christ in
Byzantium. We will consider frescoes and mosaics, portable icons and manuscript illuminations as well as hymnography, liturgical texts and poetry.

Eastern Christian Liturgies: John Klentos
Thursday: 9:40 – 12:30

This course will introduce students to the fundamental elements of Eastern Christian
worship. The survey will treat the distinct spirit of Eastern worship, the origins and
development of the 7 extant eastern rites, and the physical setting and objects used by these
traditions. The course will deal in detail with the most widely used eastern service, the Byzantine eucharistic liturgy. The course will combine lecture and seminar discussion.
Evaluation will be based on two in-class presentations and two written assignments.

Orthodox Christian Spirituality: Metropolitan Nikitas, John Klentos

A general introduction to the broad themes of and major figures in Eastern Christian spiritual
traditions. Working almost exclusively with primary texts (in English translation), students
will encounter a wide range of traditions (Syrian, Greek, Armenian, and Slavic) from the second century to the present day. Format is seminar.
Evaluation will be based on one in-class presentation and a final synthesis paper.