

# 2011 ORTHODOX INSTITUTE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## *Event Courses: "Scripture and the Holy Land"*

*The courses with an asterisk (+) are required for the special certificate in "Scripture and the Holy Land." These three courses are offered on Thursday, and on Friday in order to accommodate all who wish to attend.*

### **+ OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE WITH GOSPEL FOCUS, PART I**

Take a seat in the classroom of Fr. Thomas Hopko as he enthusiastically teaches the composition of the Bible, gives instruction on how to approach the reading of Scripture, and then delves into the Gospels. Participants will feel thoroughly educated on the Orthodox view of the Bible, and inspired to continue their studies. Fr. Thomas explains the Gospel in light of the entire Bible, and therefore asks that the two courses be taken as one block. *(Fr. Thomas Hopko)*

### **+ OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE WITH GOSPEL FOCUS, PART II**

When the New Testament is discussed, the focus will be on the Gospels. However, as noted above, registrants should take Part I and Part II consecutively. *(Fr. Thomas Hopko)*

**+ THE OLD TESTAMENT REVEALED** Dr. Roddy will open the eyes of our understanding as he teaches the structure and, most importantly, meaning of the Old Testament. Understand human and spiritual forces in the 1800-year-old plan of salvation that Jesus fulfilled. Dr. Roddy will share stories of his archaeological findings, and promises that "The Older Testament will come alive for you as never before—because of its fundamental message, which for now will remain undisclosed." *(Dr. Nicolae Roddy)*

**WOMEN IN THE BIBLE** Meet the women of the Bible, both known and lesser known, and learn how they were instrumental in God's plan for salvation. Be inspired by their stories and consider your own gifts and the role you play in the on-going story of our faith. *(Dr. Ann Bezzerides)*

### **TOUR OF EXHIBIT: SCRIPTURE AND THE HOLY LAND**

The history of salvation, photos of the holy sites, and inspiring scriptures comprise this unique exhibit. Participants will be led on a tour of the interactive exhibit by Dr. Maria Khoury, author and resident of the Holy Land. Hear her stories and enter into the land which felt the footsteps of our Savior. (A self-guided tour is also an option with the exhibit booklets.) The

tour will last 45 minutes, and will be given twice during the sessions in which it is offered. When you pick up your registration materials, you will be given your specific tour time within the session. *(Dr. Maria Khoury)*

## *Church School Director Seminar*

*The courses with an asterisk (\*) are required for the Church School Director (CSD) Certificate.*

**\* INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH SCHOOL MINISTRY** The course gives an overview of the job of the Director and offers ideas for scheduling, enhancing the church school experience, and management. The course is instructive as well as a platform for sharing. *(Dee Kacere)*

### **\* CURRICULUM AND RESOURCES FOR THE CSD**

Participants will receive information on grade-level standards for the OCEC materials, and review resources that should be available for teachers. Online resources will also be presented. *(Nike Bach)*

**\* BUILD YOUR STAFF, BUILD YOUR STUDENTS** Positive techniques for recruiting appropriate teachers and staff will be presented, as well as ideas for boosting and retaining student enrollment. (TBD)

**IMPLEMENTING THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL AND USING A THEME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR** Attend the workshop to receive and share ideas of how to implement the 2012 theme of the Antiochian Archdiocese Creative Arts Festival. *(Vasiliki Oldziej)*

**A PARISH BIBLE-STUDY MODEL** Fr. Fouad Saba, of St. George Church, Cicero, Illinois, will present his successful Bible Study program. The course runs for eight weeks and convenes twice a year. Participants will receive a kit for initiating a program at their parishes. *(Fr. Fouad Saba)*

**NEW VCS PROGRAM: SCRIPTURE** A wonderful vacation church school program, based on the theme of this Institute, is now in production and to be available in the Summer of 2012. The creators of the program will be explaining the format and content. Those who attend the session will receive a discount coupon for purchase of the program. *(Kristina and Timm Wenger)*

## **Teacher Courses**

*The coursework for basic teacher training (Teacher Training I) is offered regularly at the regional level; therefore, at the Orthodox Institute at Antiochian Village, we offer only the advanced coursework (Teacher Training II). If your parish wishes to host a workshop for basic teacher training, contact Mat. Myra Kovalak, [mekovalak@gmail.com](mailto:mekovalak@gmail.com).*

*Completion of Basic Teacher Training is preferable, but **not** required in order to take Advanced Teacher Training. Teacher Training II is offered for **two levels: TTII Elementary, or TTII MS/HS**. Each consists of 3 courses. The courses with the symbol (!) for Elementary, OR (^) for MS/HS, are required for an Advanced Teacher Training Certificate.*

**! ENRICHING THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE** Teachers will be provided with the tools to instruct students in a variety of ways, based on multiple-intelligence theories. *(Dee Kacere)*

**! CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND THE EXCEPTIONAL LEARNER** Child development theories will be presented and related to the child's ability to learn. The needs of the exceptional learner will be addressed. *(Gail Meena Malaniak)*

**! CREATIVE EXPRESSION, ELEMENTARY** Orthodoxy is expressed in beauty--from icons to the imagery in our hymns, to our surroundings during Divine Liturgy. Responding to the beauty, in art and writing, helps us

helps us appreciate our faith and understand salvation. It is time to claim our heritage and bring the arts into our teaching methods regularly. A variety of methods for both art and writing will be presented. *(Vasiliki Oldziej)*

**^ ADOLESCENT NEEDS** The developmental stage of adolescents will be discussed as well as the current secular environment, especially in regard to the moral issues. Ideas for lessons and units will be presented. Resource reviews will be included, and sharing is encouraged. (TBD)

**^ MORAL ISSUES OVERVIEW** The Orthodox viewpoint on moral issues will be presented in a reference handout. Major topics of concern to youth will be discussed. *(Carole Buleza)*

**^ CREATIVE EXPRESSION, MS/HS** (See "Creative Expression, Elementary" above) A variety of methods appropriate to the middle and high school students will be presented. *(Catherine Sullivan)*

**CHILDREN AND THE WORD OF GOD** Several techniques for presenting the Bible, including song, will be offered in this course. Attendees will receive a manuscript for the book by the same name which will be available in the Summer of 2012. Participants will be grouped according to their interest: Elementary or MS/HS. Please circle E or MS/HS on the registration form. *(Dr. Ann Bezzerides and Kh. Gigi Shadid)*

# COURSE SCHEDULE

## *Tracks*

## *Courses*

### **Session I (Fri. 9:30 am – 11:30 am)**

Event Courses	+ Overview of the Bible with Gospel Focus, Part I Tour of Exhibit: Scripture and the Holy Land
CS Director	* Introduction to Church School Ministry
Teacher	! Creative Expression: Elementary

### **Session II (Fri. 1:00 pm -2:50 pm)**

Event Courses	+ Overview of the Bible with Gospel Focus, Part II Women in the Bible
CS Director	* Curriculum and Resources for the CSD
Teacher	! Child Development and the Exceptional Learner

### **Session III (Fri. 3:10 pm – 5:00 pm)**

Event Courses	+ The Old Testament Revealed Tour of Exhibit: Scripture and the Holy Land
CS Director	* Build Your Staff, Build Your Students
Teacher	! Enriching the Classroom Experience

### **Session IV (Sat. 9:30 am – 11:30 am)**

Event Courses	+ Overview of the Bible with Gospel Focus, Part I Tour of Exhibit: Scripture and the Holy Land
CS Director	Implementing the Creative Arts Festival and Using a Theme Throughout the Year
Teacher	^ Adolescent Needs

### **Session V (Sat. 2:00 pm – 3:40 pm)**

Event Courses	+ Overview of the Bible with Gospel Focus, Part II
CS Director	A Parish Bible Study Model
Teacher	^ Overview of Moral Issues Children and the Word of God

### **Session VI (Sat. 3:50-5:30 pm)**

Event Courses	+ The Old Testament Revealed Tour of Exhibit: Scripture and the Holy Land
CS Director	Vacation Church School Program: Scripture
Teacher	^ Creative Expression: Middle School/High School

For questions concerning meals, lodging, or directions, contact the Antiochian Village at [events@antiochianvillage.org](mailto:events@antiochianvillage.org), or (724) 238-3677, or visit the website: [www.antiochianvillage.org](http://www.antiochianvillage.org).

For questions concerning course selection or registration, contact the Department of Christian Education at [aodce@aol.com](mailto:aodce@aol.com), or (717) 747-5221, or visit the website: [www.antiochian.org/christianeducation/oi2011](http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation/oi2011).

# EVENT SCHEDULE

## Thursday, November 3, 2011

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Visit Museum
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Vespers
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Very Rev. Fr. Thomas Hopko: Keynote Speech Part I "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." (Luke 24:45)
9:00 PM	Wine & Cheese Reception, Book Signing with Fr. Thomas Hopko

## Friday, November 4, 2011

8:00 am - 8:45 am	Breakfast/Registration for New Arrivals
8:45 am - 9:20 am	Orthros
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Session I
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Book Signing with Dr. Maria Khoury
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:50 pm	Session II
3:10 pm - 5:00 pm	Session III
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Vespers
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Very Rev. Fr. Thomas Hopko: Keynote Speech Part II
9:00 pm	Snack in the Coffee House/Lobby

## Saturday, November 5, 2011

7:30 am - 8:45 am	Divine Liturgy
8:45 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast/Registration for New Arrivals
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Session IV
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Visit Gravesite of St. Raphael/Service of Supplication
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 3:20 pm	Session V
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Session VI
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Dinner/Presentation of Certificates
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Vespers
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Church School Directors and Teachers: Open Discussion and Sharing
9:00 pm	Snack in the Coffee House/Lobby

## Sunday, November 6, 2011

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Orthros
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Brunch & Departure