

Teacher Training I Coursework

Overview of Orthodoxy

The basic tenets of our faith that undergird the revision project are provided in an interactive course that models a variety of teaching techniques.

Introduction to Teaching

Effective teaching is a combination of planning and management. Topics include: how to write a measurable objective, five components of a lesson plan and ideas for the presentation of each, and how to manage a positive, productive classroom.

Curriculum and Resources

An overview of “best resources” will be provided. Websites valuable for Orthodox education will be explored. Teachers may receive special instruction in *The Way, The Truth, and The Life*, and *The Scribe*.

ARCHPRIEST DANIEL KOVALAK, received his B.A. from American International College in Springfield Massachusetts, and his Diploma in Orthodox Theology from Saint Tikhon’s Seminary. Upon completing his education, he was assigned to Miami, Florida where, in addition to his pastoral duties, he worked with Fr. George Gladky to plant several missions throughout the south, including a parish in Jackson/Clinton, Mississippi.

After two years in Miami, Fr. Kovalak relocated to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he founded Holy Cross parish. In 1995, joined the faculty of St. Tikhon’s Seminary teaching Missions and Evangelization. He was the keynote speaker for the recent Assembly of the Diocese of the South, and was a presenter at the 2005 All-American Council, on the topic of Evangelism.

Fr. Kovalak has written numerous articles for *The Orthodox Church, Alive in Christ* and several other publications, including the *OCA Resource Handbook*. He is an in-demand guest lecturer and retreat speaker.

“Sharing Your Faith” Coursework

Overview of Evangelism

For Orthodox Christians who have been entrusted with the life-giving ancient faith, sharing Orthodoxy is not optional. The course will discuss what

adults can and must do, to overcome difficulties in sharing their faith.

Orthodoxy & Catholicism

The two traditions share a 1000-year common history. The division, or “Great Schism,” will be touched upon, but the focus of the course will be on current similarities and differences.

Orthodoxy & Protestantism

Several of the groups that accept the title of “Protestant,” will be examined and their beliefs with Orthodox positions on the sacraments, the priesthood, and other major issues will be discussed.



Orthodox Institute Southern States

Announcing the first

Friday, April 11, and
Saturday, April 12, 2008
St. George Orthodox Church,
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Friday evening Keynote Speaker
Archpriest Daniel Kovalak,*
Department of Evangelism of the
Orthodox Church of America, and
Lecturer, St. Tikhon’s Seminary



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and **Fr. Daniel Kovalak**, OCA, Department of Evangelism

On behalf of Father John Morris, St. George Parish, and the presenters, we invite you to participate in this exceptional event.

**See back page for a biography of Fr. Daniel Kovalak*

Schedule

Friday, April 11	11:30 Session II
6:00 Lenten Service	12:30 Break for lunch
7:00 Welcoming Reception and Keynote	1:00 Session II continues
Address	2:00 Break
Saturday, April 12	2:30 Session III
8:30 Registration, pastry and coffee	4:30 Certificates and Closing
9:00 Session I	5:00 Vespers
11:00 Break	

St. George Church, 2709 Washington Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180

Orthodox Institute Southern States Information

The Institute is being presented by an outstanding team from the Antiochian Archdiocese, the OCEC, and the OCA. Participants are invited to a reception and keynote address Friday evening, and are offered three sessions on Saturday. Coursework can lead to one of two certificates of participation:



- Teacher Training I (Basic)
- “Sharing Your Faith” Special Certificate



If a certificate is not desired, participants may also choose to attend courses of interest from either track. Course descriptions are on the back of the brochure.

This event is an abridged version of the fall Orthodox Institute at Antiochian Village, an opportunity for continuing education for Church School Staff and interested adults.

Hotel Accommodations

Hampton Inn and Suites around \$140/night (601) 636-6100
Quality Inn and Suites around \$70/night (601) 636-0804

“Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness”

The title of the OCEC Teacher Training Program comes from the writings of St. John Chrysostom, in his epistle to the Ephesians. The OCEC Department of Teacher Training offers this workshop to improve the quality of education in our church schools by providing Orthodox teachers with knowledge of the faith, and basic instructional techniques. For further information contact Myra Kovalak (Archmom29@aol.com).



Registration Form

Orthodox Institute Southern States

Name _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Parish: _____

Please check your answers to the following questions.

1. Friday evening reception and keynote address of Archbishop Daniel Kovalak:

I will attend (). I will not attend ().

2. Saturday coursework; you may take all three courses in a track to earn a certificate, or if you aren't interested in a certificate, you may choose courses from either of the tracks. Please check the courses you will take for each session.

	Teacher Training I	Sharing Your Faith
<i>Session I</i>	Overview of Orthodoxy ()	Overview of Evangelism ()
<i>Session II</i>	Introduction to Teaching ()	Orthodoxy & Catholicism ()
<i>Session III</i>	Curriculum and Resources ()	Orthodoxy & Protestantism ()

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Fee \$30, payable to St. George Church, DUE April 7, 2008.

Mail completed form to: OI Southern States, St. George Orthodox Church, Attention: Institute, 2709 Washington Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180. For additional information, contact: Fr. John Morris, frjohn@morris.net.