

St Joseph of Arimathea's Online Courses for Spring, 2016

St Joseph of Arimathea, the seminary of the APCK, will offer this spring one new online lecture course for interested clergy and laity, Fr. Russell's *Patristics (Part Two)*, which will cover the post-Nicene Church Fathers. That includes the really big names such as Athanasius, the Cappadocian Fathers, and Augustine. Part One is not a prerequisite, so a student may begin study of the early Church Fathers with this course if he or she so desires. The other course, *Church History: 1300-1680*, will continue from last term, but since all lectures are pre-recorded and then posted on either YouTube or Vimeo (commercial-free), a student not already enrolled can begin this course now. *Patristics (Part One)* on the ante-Nicene Fathers is also available to any who desire to begin that course now. All three classes are designed for postulants preparing for canonical exams as well as clergy who have not had a formal course in their subjects. But they will also work well for clergy seeking a refresher and for laity who want an introduction to writings of the ancient Fathers and/or the late-medieval and early-modern period of Church history. Every Christian should be familiar with the thought and practice of the early Church and also the events of the 16th and 17th centuries that restructured Christendom. After reading the course descriptions below, please email Fr. Smith at the address below to sign up, obtain your access information, and make arrangements for paying. The textbooks can be purchased now or later from Amazon or bookfinders.com.

Patristics (Part Two)

*The Rev'd Dr Paul Russell, Parish of Christ the King, Washington, D.C.
Eleven Lectures*

There is no better way to learn the doctrine of the Christian religion than to study its development in the writings of the ancient Fathers. This second eleven-week course of a two-part series will introduce the student to the post-Nicene Fathers (after Constantine), who give us the developed formulations of the doctrines of the Trinity, Incarnation, Atonement, Church authority, Baptism, and the Eucharist that we are still working with today.

This course is designed for postulants both to the Priesthood and to the Diaconate with a license to preach and teach, in order to help them prepare for their canonical exams. It is also recommended for clergy who have not yet had a formal course in Patristics, and will be of interest to laity who desire a better grasp of the Church's historic teaching. The readings for those desiring to do them are from Stuart G. Hall's *Doctrine and Practice in the Early Church*, 2nd edition, and J. Stevenson and W.H.C. Fred's *A New Eusebius: Documents Illustrating the History of the Church to AD 337*, SPCK 1987 (rev. ed.), and carry-over from Part One, and now also the third volume in

the set, J. Stevenson and W.H.C. Fred's *Creeeds, Councils and Controversies: Documents Illustrating the History of the Church AD 337-461*, SPCK 1989 (rev. ed.). The fee for postulants and others taking the course with evaluated written assignments is \$220. Auditors may take the course for only \$50. *Begins April 15 and ends July 1.*

Church History: 1300 — 1680 (continuing for those already enrolled)

*The Rev'd Jeffrey Smith, St Luke's, Redding, California
Ten Lectures*

This middle course in the Church history sequence looks at a turning point in Christendom: the Protestant Reformation and Catholic response to it. It continues for those already enrolled, but one may begin it now. This course should also help the student to view the Reformation of the Church of England in its broader European context. The readings for those who desire to do them will be from John D. Woodbridge and Frank A. James III's *Church History: Volume Two*, and Henry Bettenson's *Documents of the Christian Church*. The course can be audited for \$50 or taken with evaluated written assignments for \$200. Those preparing for the exam for the Priesthood should take the latter option. The fee for postulants and others taking the course with evaluated written assignments is \$200. Auditors may take the course for only \$50. *Begins January 15 and ends March 18.*

Patristics (Part One) *Eleven Lectures*

The Rev'd Dr Paul Russell

Anyone who missed this course last term is welcome to begin it now. Same price and arrangements as *Part Two*.

Sign up and receive your instructions for tuning in from Fr. Smith by sending an e-mail to:

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