

# The Orthodox Faith Catechism Reading Schedule 2026..(May.be.Subject.to.Change)

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## **Saturday, Jan 10**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: Sources of Christian Doctrine

1. Revelation
2. Tradition
3. Bible
4. The Liturgy

## **Saturday, Jan 17**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: Sources of Christian Doctrine

1. The Councils
2. The Fathers
3. The Saints
4. Canons
5. Church Art

## **Saturday, Jan 24**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: The Symbol of Faith

1. Nicene Creed
2. Faith
3. God
4. Creation
5. Angels and Evil Spirits
6. Man

## **Saturday, Jan 31**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: The Symbol of Faith

1. Sin
2. Jesus Christ
3. Son of God
4. Incarnation
5. Redemption
6. Resurrection

## **Saturday, Feb 7**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: The Symbol of Faith

1. Ascension
2. Judgement
3. Kingdom of God
4. Holy Spirit
5. Church
6. Sacraments
7. Eternal Life

## **Saturday, Feb 14**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: The Holy Trinity

1. The Doctrine of the Trinity
2. The Holy Trinity Revealed
3. Wrong Doctrines of the Trinity
4. One God, One Father
5. One God: One Divine Nature and Being

## **Saturday, Feb 21**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: The Holy Trinity

1. One God: One Divine Action and Will
2. One God: One Divine Knowledge and Love
3. The Three Divine Persons
4. The Holy Trinity in Creation
5. The Holy Trinity in Salvation

## **Saturday, Feb 28**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: The Holy Trinity

1. The Holy Trinity in the Church
2. The Holy Trinity in the Sacraments
3. The Holy Trinity in Christian Life
4. The Holy Trinity in Eternal Life

## **Saturday, Mar 7**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: The Bible

1. Bible
2. Word of God
3. Authorship
4. Interpretation

## **Saturday, Mar 14**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: Old Testament

1. Law
2. History
3. Wisdom
4. Psalms
5. Prophets

## **Saturday, Mar 21**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: New Testament

1. Gospels
2. Acts of the Apostles
3. Letters of Paul
4. Letters of Saint James
5. Letters of Saint Peter
6. Letters of Saint John
7. Letter of Saint Jude
8. Book of Revelation

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**Saturday, Mar 28**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: Salvation History

1. Word and Spirit
2. Pre-History
3. Abraham
4. Passover

**Saturday, Apr 4**

Volume I - Doctrine and Scripture: Salvation History

1. Kingship
2. Priesthood
3. Prophecy
4. Holiness

**\*\*\* No Catechism April 11 & 18 \*\*\***

(Break for Pascha and Holy Week)

**Saturday, Apr 25**

Volume II – Worship: The Church Building

1. Church Building
2. Altar Table
3. Oblation Table
4. Icons
5. Sign of the Cross
6. Vestments
7. Christian Symbols

**Saturday, May 2**

Volume II – Worship: The Sacraments

1. The Sacraments
2. Baptism
3. Chrismation
4. Holy Eucharist
5. Penance

**Saturday, May 9**

Volume II – Worship: The Sacraments

1. Holy Unction
2. Marriage
3. Holy Orders
4. Funeral
5. Monasticism

**Saturday, May 16**

Volume II – Worship: The Daily Cycles of Prayer

1. Prayer
2. Vespers
3. Matins
4. Hours, Compline and Nocturne

**Saturday, May 23**

Volume II – Worship: The Church Year

1. Church Year
2. Pre-Lent
3. Great Lent
4. Lenten Fasting
5. Lenten Services
6. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday, May 30**

Volume II – Worship: The Church Year

1. Saturdays of Lent
2. Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday
3. Holy Week
4. Holy Thursday
5. Holy Friday
6. Holy Saturday

**Saturday, Jun 6**

Volume II – Worship: The Church Year

1. Easter Sunday: The Holy Pascha
2. Post-Easter Sundays
3. Ascension
4. Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit
5. Nativity of Christ
6. Epiphany
7. Meeting of the Lord

**Saturday, Jun 13**

Volume II – Worship: The Church Year

1. Transfiguration
2. Annunciation
3. Nativity of the Theotokos
4. Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
5. Dormition of the Theotokos
6. Elevation of the Cross
7. Other Feasts

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### **Saturday, Jun 20**

Volume II – Worship: The Divine Liturgy

1. The Divine Liturgy
2. Prothesis
3. Blessed is the Kingdom
4. Great Litany
5. Antiphons
6. Small Entrance

### **Saturday, Jun 27**

Volume II – Worship: The Divine Liturgy

1. Epistle
2. Gospel
3. Fervent Supplication
4. Offertory: Great Entrance
5. Love and Faith
6. Eucharistic Canon: Anaphora

### **\*\*\*No Catechism July 4 \*\*\***

(Frs Michael and Chris away at PLC)

### **Saturday, Jul 11**

Volume II – Worship: The Divine Liturgy

1. Epiklesis
2. Remembrance
3. Our Father
4. Communion
5. Thanksgiving
6. Benediction and Dismissal

### **Saturday, Jul 18**

Volume III – Church History: The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Centuries

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Century: Christ and the Apostles
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Century: The Church
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Century: The Persecutions
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Century: The Apostolic Fathers
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Century: The Apologists
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Century: Protecting the Church from Falsehood and Heresy
7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Century: The Quartodeciman Controversy
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Century: Church Order and Liturgy

### **Saturday, Jul 25**

Volume III – Church History: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Century

1. Persecution
2. The Lapsed
3. Development of Theology
4. Liturgical Development

### **Saturday, Aug 1**

Volume III – Church History: The 4<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Constantine
2. The Donatist Schism
3. Arianism
4. The First Ecumenical Council
5. Saint Athanasius and his defence of Nicaea

### **Saturday, Aug 8**

Volume III – Church History: The 4<sup>th</sup> Century

1. New Heresies
2. The Second Ecumenical Council
3. Liturgical Development
4. Monasticism
5. Saint John Chrysostom

### **Saturday, Aug 15**

Volume III – Church History: The 5<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Inner Struggles
2. Third Ecumenical Council
3. The Robber Council
4. The Fourth Ecumenical Council
5. The Monophysites
6. The Henotikon
7. Canons of the Councils
8. The West

### **Saturday, Aug 22**

Volume III – Church History: The 6<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Emperor Justinian I and the Non-Chalcedonians
2. The Fifth Ecumenical Council
3. The Oriental Orthodox Churches
4. Emperor Justinian I and Reform
5. Liturgical Development
6. Five Patriarchates
7. The West

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### **Saturday, Aug 29**

Volume III – Church History: The 7<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Monenergism / Monothelitism
2. Saint Maximus the Confessor and Saint Martin of Rome
3. The Sixth Ecumenical Council
4. The Council of Trullo or the Quinisext Council
5. Theological Writings
6. Liturgical Development
7. Relations with Rome
8. The Rise of Islam

### **Saturday, Sep 5**

Volume III – Church History: The 8<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Islam
2. Liturgical Development
3. The West
4. The End of Iconoclasm
5. Saints Cyril and Methodius—“Evangelizers of the Slavs and Equal to the Apostles”

### **Saturday, Sep 12**

Volume III – Church History: The 9<sup>th</sup> Century

1. The Papacy
2. Saint Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople
3. Liturgical Developments
4. New Law Code
5. The West

### **Saturday, Sep 19**

Volume III – Church History: The 10<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Cultural Renaissance
2. Church and State
3. Bulgaria
4. Saint Vladimir of Kiev
5. Liturgical Development
6. The West

### **Saturday, Sep 26**

Volume III – Church History: The 11<sup>th</sup> Century

1. The Great Schism
2. Pope Gregory VII
3. The First Crusade
4. Kievan Russia
5. Other Developments East and West

### **Saturday, Oct 3**

Volume III – Church History: The 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Centuries

1. The 12<sup>th</sup> Century: Major Trends
2. The 12<sup>th</sup> Century: Kievan Russia
3. The 12<sup>th</sup> Century: Serbia
4. The 12<sup>th</sup> Century: The West
5. The 13<sup>th</sup> Century: The Fourth Crusade
6. The 13<sup>th</sup> Century: The Second Council of Lyons
7. The 13<sup>th</sup> Century: Serbia and Bulgaria
8. The 13<sup>th</sup> Century: Russia
9. The 13<sup>th</sup> Century: The West

### **Saturday, Oct 10**

Volume III – Church History: The 14<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Saint Gregory Palamas
2. John Cantakuzenos
3. Emperor John V Paleologos and Rome
4. Russia
5. The Serbs
6. The Bulgarians
7. Liturgical Developments
8. The West

### **Saturday, Oct 17**

Volume III – Church History: The 15<sup>th</sup> Century

1. The Great Schism in the Papacy, and the Conciliar Movement
2. The Fall of Byzantium
3. The Establishment of the Rum Milet
4. Russia
5. Other Developments in the West

### **Saturday, Oct 24**

Volume III – Church History: The 16<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Russia
2. The Union of Brest-Litovsk
3. The West
4. Patriarch Jeremias II and the Dialogue with the Lutherans
5. The Greek Orthodox under the Ottoman Turks

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### **Saturday, Oct 31**

Volume III – Church History: The 17<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Russia
2. The Unia
3. Saint Peter Mogila
4. Cyril Lukaris
5. The Greek Church under the Turks
6. The West

### **Saturday, Nov 7**

Volume III – Church History: The 18<sup>th</sup> Century

1. The Greek Church
2. Russia
3. Mission to Alaska
4. The West

### **Saturday, Nov 14**

Volume III – Church History: The 19<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Russia: Spiritual Renewal
2. Russia: Missionary Activity
3. The Spread of Orthodoxy in the Lower 48 States in America
4. Eastern Europe and Greece
5. Western Europe and America
6. Roman Catholicism
7. Relations between the Churches East and West

### **Saturday, Nov 21**

Volume III – Church History: The 20<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Orthodoxy in America, Part One: From the Russian Mission to the OCA
2. Orthodoxy in America, Part Two: Other Orthodox Jurisdictions
3. The Orthodox Church in Russia
4. The Church in Greece
5. The Ecumenical Patriarchate
6. Other Orthodox Churches

### **Saturday, Nov 28**

Volume III – Church History: The 20<sup>th</sup> Century

1. Ecumenical Movement
2. Protestant Fundamentalism and Protestant Liberalism
3. Protestant Neo-Evangelicalism
4. Major denominational mergers among Protestants
5. The Pentecostal/Charismatic Movement
6. The Roman Catholic Church

### **Saturday, Dec 5**

Volume IV – Spirituality: Orthodox Spirituality

1. Spirituality
2. God
3. Christ
4. The Holy Spirit
5. Man

### **Saturday, Dec 12**

Volume IV – Spirituality: Orthodox Spirituality

1. Sin
2. The Devil
3. The World and the Flesh
4. The Church
5. The Sacraments
6. The Kingdom of God

### **Saturday, Dec 19**

Volume IV – Spirituality: The Beatitudes

1. The Beatitudes
2. Poverty in Spirit
3. Blessed Mourning
4. Meekness
5. Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

**\*\*\*No Catechism Dec 26 & Jan 2 \*\*\***

(Break for Nativity – Start again Jan 9, 2027)