

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

***** No Catechism Jun 6*****

(Women's Conference)

Saturday, Jun 13

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 20

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 27

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

*****No Catechism July 4 *****

(Frs Michael and Chris away at PLC)

Saturday, Jul 11

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

Saturday, Jul 18

Volume II – Worship: The Divine Liturgy

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

Saturday, Jul 25

Volume III – Church History: The 1st & 2nd Centuries

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

Saturday, Aug 1

Volume III – Church History: The 3rd Century

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

Saturday, Aug 8

Volume III – Church History: The 4th Century

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

Saturday, Aug 15

Volume III – Church History: The 4th Century

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

Saturday, Aug 22

Volume III – Church History: The 5th 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 29

Volume III – Church History: The 6th 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, Sep 5

Volume III – Church History: The 7th 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 12

Volume III – Church History: The 8th 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 19

Volume III – Church History: The 9th Century

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

Saturday, Sep 26

Volume III – Church History: The 10th Century

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

Saturday, Oct 3

Volume III – Church History: The 11th Century

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

Saturday, Oct 10

Volume III – Church History: The 12th & 13th Centuries

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

Saturday, Oct 17

Volume III – Church History: The 14th 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 24

Volume III – Church History: The 15th 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 31

Volume III – Church History: The 16th 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, Nov 7

Volume III – Church History: The 17th 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 14

Volume III – Church History: The 18th Century

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

Saturday, Nov 21

Volume III – Church History: The 19th 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 28

Volume III – Church History: The 20th 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, Dec 5

Volume III – Church History: The 20th 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 12

Volume IV – Spirituality: Orthodox Spirituality

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

Saturday, Dec 19

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

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

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