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The everyday life of Orthodox Christians (Social and Moral)

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Course Desctiption

A basic feature of Orthodox Christians is that they experience all their personal, family, social and national events as a group or society.

The communal nature of the congregation of the Orthodox every Sunday and Feast Day for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy gradually influenced all the occasions in their life, which they also began to live communally. Therefore, for Orthodox Christians the basic events of their life- birth, baptism, name day, marriage, joys and sorrows, and death are not experienced individually but communally, that is within the context of the Orthodox community. And, on the other hand, the community of Orthodox Christians participates in the individual events of each separate Orthodox person.

The meaning of morality has become especially topical in our own time. Nowadays, everyone talks about morality. This is so not only because, when it is blatantly flouted concerns and reactions arise, but also because the way it is constantly invoked is used as an alibi for immorality.

Morality as an obligation or formal ideology is doomed to failure.

Christian ethics do not aim at making people moral, but rather present the horizons which are opened up in their personal life and that of the whole world by their induction into the body of Christ. It describes the incredible prospect created by the adoption of the morality of Christ and its coordination with the energy of God.

This course is for…

The times in which we live aren’t normal. It’s an era of great changes and realignments. We’re living in a world which is in a state of flux. Ideologies and religions are amalgamating and there’s certainly an overall atmosphere of confusion and questioning. So it would not be strange or unexpected if we were to raise the question: ‘Why should I want to become an Orthodox Christian?’.

This question has to do with the heterodox or those of others religions, since it’s what they always ask when anyone talks to them about the Orthodox faith. But this is a question which is related to all baptized Orthodox Christians who vacillate between doubt and disbelief, as well as those who have consciously renounced the Orthodox baptism their parents once gave them and have relinquished their membership of the Orthodox Church of Christ. The question also has to do with

those who are Christians in name only, but who never think about Christ in their lives.

Instructor profile

Fr. Andrew Cuneo was raised in the “green and pleasant” land of Wilton, Connecticut, where he lived until attending Stanford University 3,000 miles away. It was there that he met his future wife, Elizabeth. He graduated from Stanford with a B.A. in English and then travelled to England to complete an M.Phil. in English Renaissance Literature at the University of Oxford.

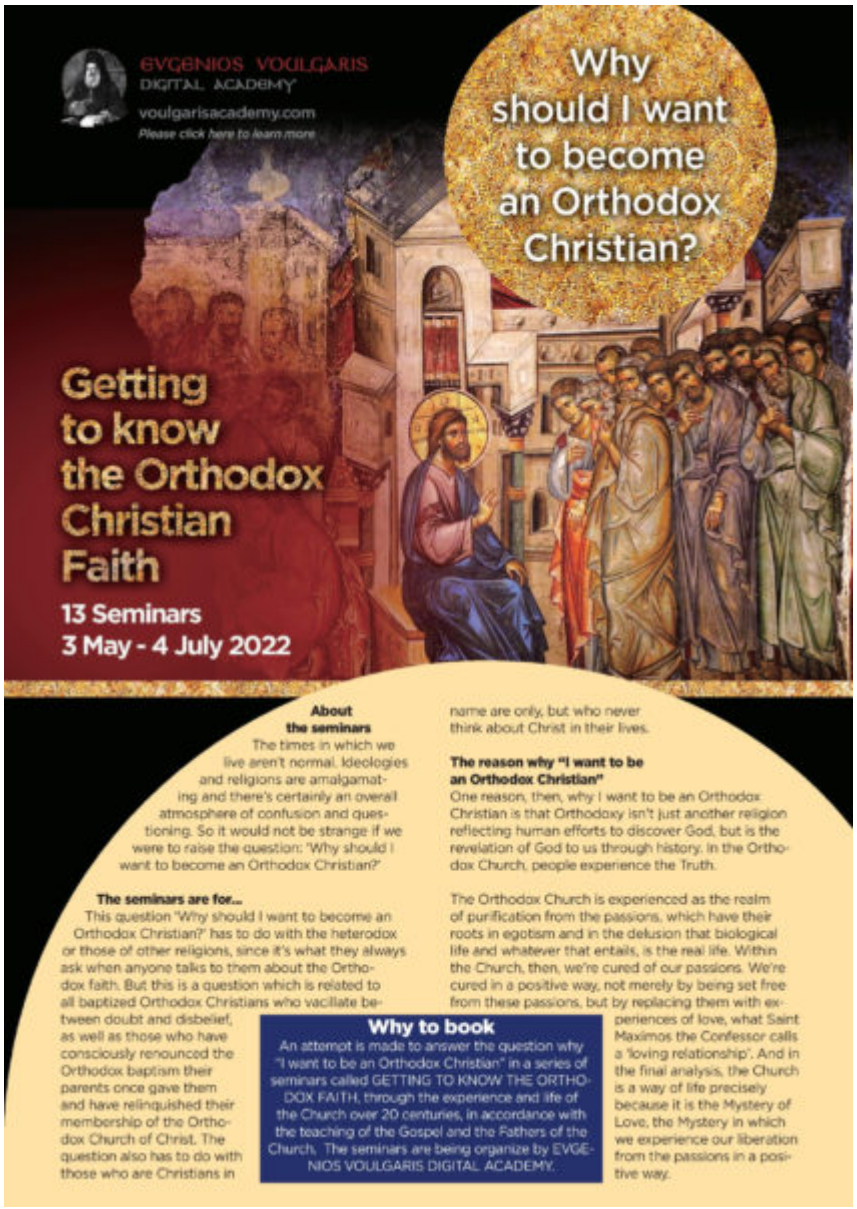
Before completing graduate studies, he assisted Walter Hooper with research on the unpublished letters of C. S. Lewis, a subject which then became the focus of his doctorate at Oxford. The University awarded him his D.Phil. in English in 2001, making him the first Oxford scholar ever to receive a doctoral degree on C. S. Lewis.

He went on to teach English Literature at Hillsdale College for 6 years before beginning his theological training at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, which he completed in 2010. Upon his arrival to the San Diego area, he taught English Literature from 2011-2014 at St. Katherine College.

He lives in Encinitas, California, with his wife, three lively daughters and one smiling son. Fr. Andrew is the founding priest of St. Katherine Orthodox Church.

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THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN AS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH
THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN AS A MEMBER OF SOCIETY
STRUGGLE AND THE TEMPTATIONS IN THE LIFE OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS
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