

“The Second Semester”

St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church

Catechism Class

The Basics of Orthodoxy 102 class -- Course Outline

For Friends, Inquirers, Newcomers, Catechumen, Cradle-born

- Topic 1: The Birth and Mission of the Church (*The Faith*, Chp.10)
- “ 2: The Structure of the Church, Holy Ordination (*The Faith*, Chp.11)
 - “ 3: The Seven Ecumenical Councils (*The Faith*, p.173)
 - “ 4: Holy Baptism (*The Faith*, Chp.12)
 - “ 5 p.1: Holy Chrismation (The Gift of the Holy Spirit) (*The Faith*, Chp.13)
 - “ 5 p.2: Holy Chrismation (Fruit and Gifts) (*The Faith*, Chp.13, Special Study, p. 199)
 - “ 6: Holy Confession and the Baptism of Tears (*The Faith*, p.187)
 - “ 7: Holy Communion (The Mystical Supper), and the Communion of Saints (*The Faith*, Chp.14)
 - “ 8: Holy Unction (from the priest’s prayerbook: *The Book of Needs*)
 - “ 9: Holy Matrimony (The Mystery of Love) (*The Faith*, Chp.16)
 - “ 10: The Cycles of Prayer in the Church (*The Faith*, Chp.15)
 - “ 11: Monasticism as a Path to Heaven (*The Faith*, Chp.17)

Resource Book:

Carlton, Clark. *The Faith: Understanding Orthodox Christianity, An Orthodox Catechism*. Salisbury, MA: Regina Orthodox Press, 1997.