**St Athanasius Academy of Orthodox Theology**

Class Syllabus – *Lives of the Saints*

*Teacher Information*

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*Course Description*

We will explore the definition of sainthood in the Orthodox Church, along with the lives of the righteous ancestors of Christ, the Prophets, martyrs, Apostles, the Evangelists, and angels. The course includes lectures, videos, discussions.

*Required Text*

None. All materials will be supplied.

*Course Competencies/Objectives*

Discussions during class time are a major focus of this course. There will be a short quiz every other week comprised of true or false questions along with some possible multiple choice. These quizzes are meant to reinforce what has been learned along with creating an opportunity to review what parts of the course might not have been understood. All quizzes are open book with all materials within the notes of each class. Each term there will be a five-page paper submitted in lieu of a final exam. The paper will follow Turabian guidelines. By the end of the course, each student will have a better understanding of the Orthodox Church’s teachings regarding the creation of angels and humanity, the dogmatic and doctrinal traditions of the intercession of saints, their role in the divine plan of salvation and eschatology with a focus of referring to both Scripture and the teachings of The Church Fathers.

*Grading/Evaluation*

Students will be assigned grades according to collegial GPA

A – Excellent, B – Above Average, C – Average, D – Below Average, F – Incomplete

*Attendance*

Attendance is a key part of being able to ask questions and offer observations and experiences. Perfect attendance is not mandatory, but lack of attendance could have an impact on the final grade. All classes are attempted to be recorded and videos that might not show up in the recordings have links posted on the class page. There are normally class notes that can be downloaded for each session.

*Course Expectations*

Have camera on during class

Take part in discussions

Take part in discussion board assignments

Take time to do well on each quiz.

Contact your teacher with all concerns, questions. We are here to help each other