

TH 101

The Incarnation: Basic Considerations

Course Credit: 3 Semester Hours

I. Course Description

This course is a detailed study of the Incarnation of God as dealt with by St. Athanasius in his work, *On the Incarnation*. Topics range from the Fall and the resulting human dilemma; through implications of the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ; to refutations of both Jewish and Gentile unbelief. The course closes with a discussion of the great and holy things we gain in Christ.

II. At the conclusion of this course, students will have:

- A. Understanding of the issues surrounding the Incarnation of the Son of God dealt with by St. Athanasius in his landmark work, *On the Incarnation*
- B. Grasp of the present relevance of the teaching of St. Athanasius.

III. Materials Needed

- A. St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*. Crestwood, N.Y.: St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary.
- B. Orthodox Study Bible
- C. English dictionary
- D. A biblical concordance

IV. Course Content

- Lesson I: St. Athanasius and His Importance Today
- Lesson II: Creation and the Fall
- Lesson III: The Divine Dilemma and the Incarnation
- Lesson IV: The Divine Dilemma and the Incarnation (Continued)
- Lesson V: The Death of Christ
- Lesson VI: The Resurrection
- Lesson VII: Refutation of Jewish Beliefs
- Lesson VIII: Refutation of Gentile Beliefs
- Lesson IX: The Discrediting of Beliefs Common to the Ancient World
- Lesson X: What We Gain in Christ

V. Assignments

For each lesson, write 250-500 words in total for each assignment in each lesson, double-spaced. Each lesson will account for 10% of your grade. Faculty will give substantive commentary on all assignments. Final exam details, if applicable, are explained in the virtual classroom content on moodle.com.

VI. Attendance

We do not have an official attendance policy due to the nature of being a self-paced course (faculty are expected to engage with each student at least once per week through moodle.com).

VII. Participation

All students must engage at least once per week in the asynchronous forum discussion group. Access is made available in the virtual classroom.