

Special Topics in Liturgics
A Journey through Holy Week: Liturgy, History, Music

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Schedule: 8 sessions of 50 minutes each (see <http://sslm.hts.edu/cep-schedule/> for details)

Description:

We study in detail the structure and content of the services for each day of Holy Week in the Orthodox tradition. To better understand the meaning of each of the services, we look at its origins and historical development, taking as our guide the Nun Egeria, a fourth-century pilgrim to Jerusalem. We will construct the daily cycle of services for each of the days, study its liturgical peculiarities, and analyze the major themes of its Scriptural lessons and hymnography. We will conclude each lesson with a traditional musical setting of one of the hymns from the Synodal *Notated Triodion*, a real treasure-trove of Russian liturgical music that has served as the source of inspiration for many Russian composers.

Format and Organization:

This is a seminar-style course with assigned reading materials. Students will need to read the material and be prepared for discussion. The course is taught in English. Reading material is available in English or Russian. A basic knowledge of Church Slavonic would be helpful, but is not required.

Texts:

1. *The Lenten Triodion* (English transl. by Mother Mary and Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware))
2. *The Pilgrimage of Egeria* (available online: <http://www.ccel.org/m/mcclure/etheria/etheria.htm>), or you can purchase Wilkinson, John, *Egeria's Travels*, Aris & Phillips, 1999.
3. Any standard textbook in Liturgics (Russian or English) is helpful, but not required; for example, see Getcha, Job, *The Typikon Decoded*, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2012.
4. Additional handouts in class

Outline of Topics:

1. Lazarus Saturday
2. Palm Sunday
3. Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
4. Holy Thursday: the Mystical Supper and the Establishment of the Eucharist
5. Holy Friday: the 12 Passion Gospel Narratives
6. Holy Friday: the Hours and Vespers
7. Holy Saturday: the Burial
8. Holy Saturday: the Resurrection Vigil
9. *If time permits*: the Matins of Pascha

Grading: There are no grades or exams in CEP courses.

Registration:

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