

Scripture Readings In Orthodox Worship

A clear introduction to Eastern Orthodoxy and key aspects of the tradition. Now contains new articles and additional readings on Orthodoxy and evangelicism.

With thoroughness and clarity, Hans Schwarz presents a historical and systematic understanding of the church - its worship and piety, its traditions and doctrines, its forms and structures. This skilled assessment outlines the impact of the church today and analyzes its prospects for the future.

The appropriate psalm chapters and verses as they are in the services of the Orthodox Church according to both the Greek and Slavic usages. A companion to the various liturgical calendars/guides used by the priest, chanters, choir directors.

The first comprehensive introduction to the Orthodox Church in the United States from 1794 to the present, this book includes a succinct picture of the distinctive history of Orthodoxy and its particular perspectives on the Christian faith. Attention is given to the contacts between the Orthodox Church and other Christian churches, as well as its contributions to the ecumenical movement. Over 80 biographies of major Orthodox leaders in America also are included along with an annotated bibliography of the writings of the major Orthodox theologians. The book begins with a review of the historical characteristics and distinctive faith affirmations of Orthodoxy, which has a history that is quite different from Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. Subsequent chapters examine the historical development of the Orthodox Church in this country, with special attention being paid to the early mission in Alaska, the effects of immigration, the organizational developments of parishes and dioceses, the effects of old world politics, the movement toward greater unity, and the distinctive features of American Orthodoxy today. The material is fresh and inclusive, covering all major branches and treating them with an irenic spirit. The biographies are thoughtful and informative, and there is a tremendous amount of bibliographic and reference material. Scholars, practitioners in every faith, and laypersons will find this volume indispensable.

Eastern Orthodox Christianity and Animal Suffering

Commissioned to Be Apostles

The Psalter and the Holy Fathers : Patristic Christian Commentary, Meditations, and Liturgical Extracts Relating to the Psalms and Odes

Psalm Verses of the Orthodox Liturgy

The Extended Family

Orthodox Christianity

Jesus and the New Testament Authors in Their Relationship to Judaism

Containing more than 300 articles, covering the alphabetical entries P-Sh, this book also includes articles on significant topics ranging from Paul, political theology and the Qur'an, to religious liberty, salvation history and scholasticism.

A fascinating, vivid, and on-the-ground account of Russian Orthodoxy 's resurgence! A bold experiment is taking place in Russia. After a century of being scarred by militant, atheistic communism, the Orthodox Church has become Russia ' s largest and most significant nongovernmental organization. As it has returned to life, it has pursued a vision of reclaiming Holy Rus ' : that historical yet mythical homeland of the eastern Slavic peoples; a foretaste of the perfect justice, peace, harmony, and beauty for which religious believers long; and the glimpse of heaven on earth that persuaded Prince Vladimir to accept Orthodox baptism in Crimea in A.D. 988. Through groundbreaking initiatives in religious education, social ministry, historical commemoration, and parish life, the Orthodox Church is seeking to shape a new, post-communist national identity for Russia. In this eye-opening and evocative book, John Burgess examines Russian Orthodoxy ' s resurgence from a grassroots level, providing Western readers with an enlightening, inside look at the new Russia.

This reference work incorporates the insights and expertise of leading liturgists and scholars of liturgy at work today, comprising 200 entries on important topics in the field, from vestments and offertories to ordination and divine unctio. It is systematically organized and alphabetically arranged for ease of use. It also includes comprehensive bibliographies and reading lists, to bring the work fully up to date and to encourage further reading and research. Front-ranking theologians speak out on the crisis of biblical authority and interpretation in the church, focusing in particular on the adequacy of the historical-critical method of hermeneutics. The essays in this volume address various perspectives the notorious gap between the historical critical approach to the study of the Bible and the church's liturgical and dogmatic transmission of biblical faith. The authors, following the central theme suggested by Brevard S. Childs's "canonical method" of biblical interpretation, argue that the historical-critical method does not suffice of itself apart from faith and the church.

The Eternal Sacrifice: The Genesis Readings for Great Lent

Historical Dictionary of the Orthodox Church

How Contemporary Culture's Fascination with Diversity Has Reshaped Our Understanding of Early Christianity

New SCM Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship

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The Cambridge Companion to Orthodox Christian Theology

Doctrine and Practice of the Church

One of the most central figures in monotheistic traditions is King David. The volume takes a new, critical look at the process of biblical creation and exegetical transformation of this character in the intertwined words of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

In Christian Arabic Versions of Daniel, Miriam L. HjalM provides an insight into the Arabic transmission of the biblical Book of Daniel with a focus on translation techniques used in the early manuscripts.

Of the three major branches of Christianity, Orthodoxy is the least known and most misunderstood. The Historical Dictionary of the Orthodox Church provides students, researchers, and specialists with a desk encyclopedia of the theology and theologians, saints, sinners, places and events of the Eastern Church. Two millennia of the religion are surveyed in over five hundred concise entries, concentrating primarily on the last 150 years. Includes an overview of the early Church through the Byzantine and Russian Empires, into the present multinational Orthodox presence in the ecumenical movement. Many of the general entries cannot be found elsewhere in English, and the comprehensive compilation of biographies of nineteenth- and twentieth-century Orthodox theologians (American, Russian, Greek, and many other nationalities) is published here for the first time. Includes a detailed 4000-year chronology, illustrations, extensive bibliography, and an appendix listing the current canonical patriarchs and autocephalous churches.

This book examines the receipt, transmission, and interpretation of the Old Testament in the Eastern Orthodox tradition. Looking at the various ways Orthodox Christians sought to assimilate the Old Testament in the spiritual, liturgical, and doctrinal fabric of their faith community, Pentecost pays special attention to: liturgy, iconography, monastic rules and canons, conciliar resolutions, and patristic works in Greek, Syriac and Coptic.

Practices, Politics, and Performance

Daily Scripture Readings and Commentary for Orthodox Christians

A Living Continuity with the Synagogue, the Temple, and the Early Church

Exploring Worship

Eastern Orthodox Theology

Why are There so Many Different Churches?

If It's be from Heaven

Beginning with Walter Bauer in 1934, the denial of clear orthodoxy in early Christianity has shaped and largely defined modern New Testament criticism, recently given new life through the work of spokesmen like Bart Ehrman. Spreading from academia into mainstream media, the suggestion that diversity of doctrine in the early church led to many competing orthodoxies is indicative of today's postmodern relativism. Authors Köstenberger and Kruger engage Ehrman and others in this polemic against a dogged adherence to popular ideals of diversity. Köstenberger and Kruger's accessible and careful scholarship not only counters the "Bauer Thesis" using its own terms, but also engages overlooked evidence from the New Testament. Their conclusions are drawn from analysis of the evidence of unity in the New Testament, the formation and closing of the canon, and the methodology and integrity of the recording and distribution of religious texts within the early church.

The Orthodox Church is one of the three major branches of Christianity. There are over 300 million adherents throughout the world. The Orthodox Church is a fellowship of independent churches, which split form the Roman Church over the question of papal supremacy in 1054. The Orthodox adherents include people in: Greece, Georgia, Russia, and Serbia. There are an estimated one million members in the United States. This Advanced book explains the basic principles of Orthodox Christianity and describes in detail the holidays observed by the Orthodox Church. In addition, relevant book literature is presented in bibliographic form with easy access provided by title, subject and author indexes.

"Why are there so many different churches?" Tracing the family tree of the modern church back to the early Christian centuries, The Extended Family explains how and why the various Christian denominations arose. It outlines the distinctive beliefs, traditions, practices, and values of the many church families in modern Britain, what they have in common, and where they have either disagreed or agreed to differ. It also examines the vital question: whether any of the differences between churches should still matter today.

The Christian Bible rendered in child-friendly language and presentation.

The Heresy of Orthodoxy (Foreword by I. Howard Marshall)

The Old Testament in Eastern Orthodox Tradition

A Contemporary Reader

Why Scripture Matters

Orthodox and Wesleyan Scriptural Understanding and Practice

The Encyclopedia of Christianity

Preface to the new edition -- Understanding the divine liturgy. Development of Christian worship in the Bible -- Worship in the early church -- Revelation and worship -- The royal priesthood -- Heavenly worship -- A Journey through the liturgy. The interior of an Orthodox church -- The preparation service -- The liturgy of the word -- The liturgy of the Eucharist -- The Great Anaphora -- The Holy Communion -- The Thanksgiving -- Conclusion. A call to worship.

"These essays address scriptural authority and interpretation in the Orthodox and Wesleyan traditions. Rooted within their respective faith communities, the authors avoid false convergences but acknowledge viable commonalities, thus setting an innovative tone for ecumenical study and dialogue."--BOOK JACKET.

This volume examines the Bible's role in the modern world, with a focus on its dissemination throughout the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

This volume examines the Bible's role in the Orthodox Church. Nicholas Uspensky reveals the true purpose for which the service of Vespers came into existence: the ancient Christian tradition of giving thanks for the evening light, and the faith which this tradition implies concerning the presence of Christ in the midst of those gathered in His name. While tracing the evolution of the rites of Vespers and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts from their Old Testamental antecedents to their present forms today, he calls upon liturgical commentators to stand closer to the meaning attached to the service of evening worship by the ancient Church. This valuable historical-liturgical study also discusses the Communion which is added to the Vespers in the midst of the Fast, and the differences that exist between the Greek and Russian orders of service for the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist.

Eastern Orthodox Mission Theology Today

Overview and Bibliography

The Christian Church

Children's Bible Reader

A Comparative Study of Early MSS and Translation Techniques in MSS Sinai Ar. 1 and 2

Reading the Bible in a Time of Church Conflict

The Synagogue in America

Drawn on the hermeneutical reflections of John Howard Yoder, Stanley Hauerwas, and Mikhail Bakhtin, Cartwright challenges the way twentieth-century American Protestants have engaged the Oproblem of the use of scripture in Christian ethics, and issues a summons for a new debate oriented by a communal approach to hermeneutics. By analyzing particular ecclesial practices that stand within living traditions of Christianity, the Opolitics of scriptural interpretation can be identified along with the criteria for what a Ogood performance of scripture should be. This approach to the use of scripture in Christian ethics is displayed in historical discussions of two Christian practices through which scripture is read ecclesologically: the Eastern Orthodox liturgical celebration of the Eucharist and the Anabaptist practice of Obiding and losing or Othe rule of Christ. When American Protestants consider Operformances of scripture such as these alongside one another within more ecumenical contexts, they begin to confront the ecclesiological problem with their attempts to Ouse the Bible in Christian ethics: the relative absence of constitutive ecclesial practices in American Protestant congregations that can provide moral orientation for their interpretations of Christian scripture.

How we worship determines what we believe. Prosper of Aquitaine, a disciple of Augustine, once wrote ut legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi, the law of prayer determines the law of belief. This is significant for it expresses that how we pray determines what we believe. Exploring Worship engages in a comparative study of Catholic, Evangelical, and Orthodox teachings on corporate worship and suggests classic practices that help deepen the understanding and experience of worship. This is significant in at least four ways. Theologically, it contributes to the important and continuing trialogue among Catholics, Evangelicals, and Orthodox. Historically, it highlights the integrative potential between these three groups, contrary to its history of distrust and outright animosity. Spiritually, many Christians are seeking a deeper devotional expression. Exploring Worship provides an examination of worship rooted in the rich history and traditions of the Church. Pedagogically, this will suggest practices that help deepen the understanding and experience of worship. Exploring Worship invites us to more critically, intentionally, and sympathetically reflect on the ways we worship and its place in our churches.

Cycle of daily Gospel and Epistle readings based on the movable calendar, which starts with Easter (Pascha), includes the fifty days after the Resurrection, Pentecost and the 37 weeks that followed, the Week of the Publican and the Pharisee, followed by the Tridion, which begins 10 weeks before Easter, and includes the Preparation for Lent, Great Lent and Holy Week. This work is particularly addressed to those who set aside an hour daily for prayer and meditation. Appendices are added for Sunday matins, major fixed feasts such as Nativity, Theophany and other Feast days of Martyrsm saints. But since this volume is not arranged according to the fixed calendar which lists all the saints and fixed feasts for each day of the month, a suitable companion would be a Menzion, which provides a fuller treatment of the major feast days, and the flow of church seasons.

This course explains God's design and plan for the church and biblical subjects such as church membership, baptism, communion, lithe, and spiritual leadership.

The New Cambridge History of the Bible: Volume 4, From 1750 to the Present

The Orthodox Church

Biblical Origin, Historical Transformation, and Potential for the Future

Orthodox Worship

Christian Arabic Versions of Daniel

Grace for Grace

The Bible and Its Interpretation in the Orthodox Church

The scripture lessons of the Orthodox Church through the course of its liturgical seasons and feasts. Scriptural texts are interpreted within the context of the Church's worship and prayer.

Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ walked the earth for three years-teaching, ministering, working miracles, dying on the cross and being Resurrected from the dead. Disciples who believed He was the promised Messiah followed Him and listened to His teachings. A disciple is a student. An apostle is one who recruits disciples and teaches them to follow after Christ. After the Resurrection, Jesus commissioned His disciples to become apostles. As Christians, the first thing we are called to do is be a disciple, to learn about Christ, to believe and to follow. However, that is not all we are called to do. Like the first disciples, we are also commissioned to be apostles, to go and spread the Christian faith to all nations. Commissioned to Be Apostles: Love, Worship, Community, Learning Service contains 151 short reflections offering practical instruction on what it means to be an apostle of Christ. It contains practical and easy ways to model and spread the message of Christianity, both in a church community and in our personal lives. It begins with the Great Commission and examines how the early church spread the message of the Gospel. It discusses our personal foundation as Christians that we receive at baptism and gives instruction on how to effectively participate in the life of the Church. Finally, it discusses how to transform the Church from what it is to what Christ intends for it to be, examining the chasm between the two and how to bridge this gulf. The title of this book reflects not only our commission to be apostles; it reflects five core values-love, worship, community, learning and service-that will help us fulfill this commission. Father Stavros N. Akrotirianakis is a Greek Orthodox Priest who serves St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Tampa, Florida. He has also authored the books Let All Creation Rejoice: Reflections on Advent, the Nativity and Epiphany; The Road Back to Christ: Reflections on Lent, Holy Week and Pascha; Blessed Is the Kingdom, Now and Forever: Reflections on the Divine Liturgy; Let Us Be Attentive: Reflections on the Sunday and Feastday Scripture Readings of the Orthodox Church; and Engaged: Called to Be Disciples, Reflections on What It Means to Be a Christian. He writes a daily reflection called "The Prayer Team," which can be found at www.prayerteam365.com.

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An anthology of commentary by the Church Fathers of meditations relating to the Psalms and scriptural odes. Extracts form Orthodox Christian festal and lenten services have been included as heuristic aides, as well as Old Testament passages from the Book of Kings. Also included is The Psalter According to the Seventy, a Septuagint version translated by Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Two appendices and glossary.

Evening Worship in the Orthodox Church

Orthodox Faith

The Character of David in Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Warrior, Poet, Prophet and King

Love, Worship, Community, Learning, Service

Visual Arts in the Worshipping Church

The Bible and the Holy Fathers for Orthodox

This Companion focuses on the way Orthodox theological tradition is understood and lived today.

This book is the first academic work in Eastern Orthodox theological literature on the subject of animal suffering and human soteriology. It represents a natural progression of the contemporary Eastern Orthodox academic debate on the environment, and will be of interest not only to academic scholars in theology, religion, philosophy and ethics, but also to the wider Christian and secular communities. Using Biblical and Patristic teachings, together with new social science research and contemporary science, it presents arguments that animal suffering is against God's Will, and that the abuse or misuse of animals or indifference to animal suffering will result in negative consequences for human salvation. The book posits a revisionist interpretation of the Noahic narrative when addressing the challenging question of why God allows the dispensation of animals as food, and offers compelling arguments on why the contemporary animal food production industries and animal testing model should be rejected.

Following his retirement after twenty-five years of medical practice, he proceeded to writing the Sunday bulletins of the cathedral and essays on a variety of topics of interest to his fellow Orthodox parishioners. He was urged by the protopresbyter Steven Zozos, the current dean of the cathedral, to publish his writings as books. This is the first in which he provides examples of how he has experienced and interpreted his reading of the Holy Scriptures. He provides examples of what is allowed within them that are frequently overlooked by many readers. Furthermore, the English translations of the Bible are filled with many errors, which can only be clarified by finding the most appropriate English words, among the many available, for translating the true meaning of some Greeks words in the original New Testament and the Septuagint. Many examples of this phenomenon are provided in this volume.

Chronicles the history of the Jewish synagogue in America over the course of three centuries, discussing its changing role in the American Jewish community.

Meditations on the Holy Scriptures of Orthodoxy

Ancient Voices in Modern Theology

Reclaiming the Bible for the Church

Catholic, Evangelical, and Orthodox Perspectives

Toward a Communal Hermeneutic for Christian Ethics

According to the Greek and Slav Usages

A Short History

"John Burgess has written a book of immense help to the church in this time of great conflict and division. It is wise, probing, and highly readable. . . . A combination of authentic piety and remarkable scholarship characterize this book, which is full of concrete suggestions for persons and and congregations. --Douglas W. Oldenburg, Moderator, 210th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA) and President of Columbia Theological Seminary
The Eternal Sacrifice appeared originally in Fr. Steven's blog ?Orthodox Truth? as a series of daily commentaries on the passages from Genesis read at Vespers every weekday of the Orthodox Great Lent. The present volume provides the texts of the Scripture readings themselves along with the author's commentary, which aims at giving an authentic patristic reading of the text while providing contemporary advice to the Orthodox layman living in the world. Not only Eastern Orthodox readers, however, but also Eastern Rite Catholics who follow the Byzantine lectionary, as well as all those who seek life-changing truth in the Scriptures, will find **The Eternal Sacrifice** an engaging and accessible invitation to go more deeply into the first book of the Bible.

Although numerous studies have examined biblical and theological rationales for using the visual arts in worship, this book by Lisa J. DeBoer fills in a piece of the picture missing so far -- the social dimensions of both our churches and the various art worlds represented in our congregations. The first part of the book looks at Orthodoxy, Catholicism, and Protestantism in turn -- including case studies of specific congregations -- showing how each tradition's use of the visual arts reveals an underlying ecclesiology. DeBoer then focuses on six themes that emerge when Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant uses of the visual arts are examined together -- the arts as expressions of the church's local and universal character, the meanings attributed to particular styles of art for the church, the role of the arts in enculturating the gospel, and more. DeBoer's Visual Arts in the Worshipping Church will focus and deepen the thinking of pastors, worship leaders, artists, students, and laypeople regarding what the arts might do in the midst of their congregations.

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The A to Z of the Orthodox Church

The Rebirth of Orthodoxy in the New Russia

Scripture in Tradition

The Divine Liturgy

Holy Rus'

This is both an introduction to the New Testament and a study of its writings in relation to Judaism. The aim is to explore both the clear Jewish roots of the New Testament and its incipient anti-Judaism. The first two chapters give an overview of Jewish life and religion in the Greco-Roman world with special attention to the various groups and schools, among which the Jesus movement originated. Another chapter focusses on the tradition of the words and deeds of Jesus, the enigmatic teacher from Nazareth. The rest of the book studies the range of New Testament writings in their varied attitude towards Judaism. The concluding chapter is about how Christians might handle anti-Jewish texts in their Bible.