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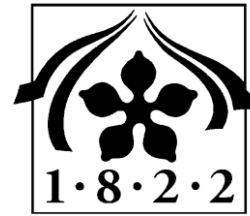
The University of Wales, Lampeter is the oldest University in England and Wales after Oxford and Cambridge dating back to 1822. It has a thriving Theology Faculty with more than a thousand students, many of whom are involved in part time courses such as the ones run by the Midlands Orthodox Study Centre. There is a growing Orthodox department in the faculty with two full-time lecturers – Dr Andreas Andreopoulos and Dr Augustine Casiday. The faculty is now offering an MTh in Orthodox Studies. Those wishing to advance from our Diploma course to a first degree may do so by distance learning with Lampeter – a further year's study. However once we are settled into the relationship with the University of Wales Lampeter we also hope to be able to offer a further two years leading to a taught degree from Midlands Orthodox Study Centre.



Fees: **Students** for Certificate and Diploma Courses £495 per annum
(This includes all University and Centre fees but not books)
Hearers (attending lectures and seminars only) £ 375 per annum
Some Bursaries are available in cases of need

N.B. In the event of being unable to attend a day audio tapes/C.D.s will be available for paid up students for a small extra fee.

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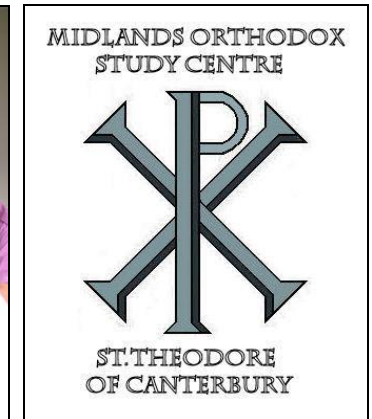


**University of Wales Lampeter
Midlands Orthodox Study
Centre of St Theodore of
Canterbury**

Oecumenical Patriarchate

Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain

With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain



***From September 2007 all courses will be
accredited by
University of Wales Lampeter***

Midlands Orthodox Study Centre of St Theodore of Canterbury

The Centre was established in 2002 to teach Orthodox Theology. Started originally to serve two local parishes, the Centre has developed significantly. The courses offered are intended for a wide variety of people and interests. They may vary from those interested in learning more about their faith to those who are involved in, or who will be involved in ministry in the Church. Although most of the students are Orthodox Christians, several are not, and there is an entirely open policy for acceptance on the courses. Students will be admitted on the basis of their ability to pursue the course, demonstrated by fulfilling the undergraduate entry requirements in the UWL Admissions Policy or by other means such as interview and experience.

Those applying for the Diploma Course will already have achieved the Certificate. Most of the teaching takes place on the second Saturday of the month (barring July and August) 10.00am – 5.00pm at the Orthodox Church of the Nativity of the Mother of God, Sun Street, Palfrey Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 4AL.

The Certificate course is intended to provide students with a good introduction to the Orthodox Church, its faith and life. This is done over two years. There are three modules in which important Church themes are introduced, three modules that cover the history of the Church from its beginning to the present day, three modules on the New Testament, two on the Old Testament, and a module on the canons of the Church. It is intended to provide a good grounding for anyone who might, for instance, need to teach Orthodoxy in schools. The modules are taught in a mixture of lectures, seminars (when a relevant original text is discussed in detail) and private tutorials. Help is given to anyone who is not used to academic study or has not done any for many years.

The Diploma course builds on the knowledge gained in the Certificate with modules on Spirituality, Liturgy, Doctrine and the Fathers. This will help those who may be intending to exercise ministry in the Church.

Our Patron Saint

St Theodore, was described by St Bede as ‘a man of learning in both sacred and secular literature’. He was one of the most important Archbishops of Canterbury, active throughout Britain. He established a school in Canterbury, which ‘attracted a large number of students, into whose minds he poured the waters of wholesome knowledge day by day’. His influence endures to this day in the Midlands, where he founded the dioceses of Worcester and Hereford and installed St Chad as bishop of Lichfield. He was a Syriac speaking Greek from Tarsus, who studied in Antioch and Constantinople, and was for many years a monastic in the Syrian monastery in Rome, before becoming archbishop of the multi-ethnic and poly-lingual peoples of seventh century Britain. It is our joy and privilege that he should be our patron saint.

The centre has five Lecturers on the staff:

Dr Nikolai Lipatov

Dr Mary Cunningham

John Davis

Oeconomos Fr John Nankivell

Oeconomos Fr Stephen Maxfield

But other lecturers are invited during the academic year and in the past these have included *Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia*, *Archimandrite Ephrem Lash*, & *Dr Dimitry Korobeinikov*.

In the academic year 2007 – 2008 the Centre will offer the Certificate in Higher Education (2 years part-time) and the Diploma in Higher Education (2 years part-time).

These courses are taught on a modular system. All modules are compulsory and will include lectures, study of relevant texts, and private tutorials. Each module involves 12 hours teaching and is assessed by a piece or pieces of work totalling 2,000 words for the Certificate and 3,000 for the Diploma. The Certificate course consists of Year A and B and the Diploma consists of years C and D. Only one year is taught for each course per year but these alternate.

Application Form

I would like to register for the Certificate Course and enclose cheque for
£495 / I will pay later.

I would like to attend as a hearer for the Certificate Course and enclose a
cheque for £375 / I will pay later.
(*Make cheques payable to B.C.O.T.*)

Name.....

Address

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..... Post Code

e-mailTelephone..... FAX....

Please give academic qualifications held

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Are you an Orthodox Christian? Yes/No

Which is your Parish?

If YES will your parish give you any financial assistance to attend.
Yes/No

Return to Mr John Davis, 51 Gungrog Road, Welshpool SY21 7UL

Topics taught by the Midlands Orthodox Study Centre

Year A – Certificate

Module 1 Church, God and Creation

Module 2 Faith and Worship

Module 3 The Life in Christ

Module 4 Church History 33 – 681

Module 5 Church History 681 - 1453

Module 6 Church History 1453 – today

Year B - Certificate

Module 1 Old Testament: Foundation

Module 2 Old Testament: Theological Themes

Module 3 The Synoptic Gospels

Module 4 Luke/Acts and John

Module 5 The Epistles

Module 6 Church Canons

Year C - Diploma

Module 1 Eastern Fathers

Module 2 Western Fathers

Module 3 The Orthodox Saints of Britain

Module 4 Liturgy of Time

Module 5 The Sacraments

Module 6 The Movable Feasts

Year D - Diploma

Module 1 Christology

Module 2 The Holy Trinity

Module 3 Ecclesiology

Module 4 The Passions and Virtues

Module 5 The Gifts of the Spirit

Module 6 Theosis

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