

E-Quip FAQ's (Diploma and Visitors only)

Is this for me?

If you are an Orthodox Christian who wants to know more about the Faith and Life of the Church and you want to do that in some detail to be better equipped to serve God through His Church ... then YES, most certainly it is for you!

Won't it be very difficult?

No, I assure you it will not. No existing knowledge will be assumed. The only thing you *might* need help with is study skills but we will help you with that from the beginning.

Will I get anything at the end of it?

Yes, a Diploma. Eventually we hope launch this Diploma beyond the Deanery and Diocese, but for the time being it will be a strictly parish based program within the Deanery. It has no blessing for use or authorisation outside our diocese.

Who will do the teaching?

Most of it will be done by Fr. Gregory but he will involve others from time to time.

When will it start and how often will it meet?

The first of the weekly Tuesday sessions will be on 29th September. We shall meet in Church from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm before the Bible Study session. The sessions will combine a talk, discussion and some practical activity. Some of the resources for the diploma will be published online as well as on paper.

Will I have to do essays?

Yes, ... 2 each term from a choice of 5 options, making 6 altogether over each year. FULL ASSISTANCE WILL BE GIVEN for those for whom this might otherwise be a daunting prospect.

Will I need to attend every week?

As far as possible, yes. There are 12 meetings in each of 3 terms (10 lectures and 2 review sessions) so that's 16 weeks each year when we are NOT meeting, (Summer, Nativity and Holy Week / Pascha).

Can I attend occasionally as a "visitor" and not do any essays?

Yes you may ... but you won't get the Diploma and you will have to pay 50% course fees.

Can non-Orthodox attend?

Generally speaking, no. This course is not appropriate for those who have little firsthand experience of Orthodoxy and who are not yet part of the life of the Church. It is not aimed, for example, at enquirers but rather Orthodox Christians who want to be better equipped for their faith and life.

Are there any exceptions to this rule?

With the agreement of the Course Director and upon application, non-Orthodox Christian associates of attending Orthodox participants may attend and complete the course fully.

Will it cost anything?

Indeed. We have to cover an expansion of the library for study and other resources. The cost will be £60 a term (that's £5 per session, £180 a year for 3 years). If you can't afford that then we will subsidise you.

E-Quip (Diploma and Visitors only) Registration Form 2009 / 2010 (starts 29/09/09)

Name

Address

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Telephone

Email

- (1) I am an Orthodox Christian.
- (2) I have read the FAQ's about this Diploma and I accept the requirements of registration.

I promise not to distribute E-Quip materials to others without permission from the Course Director.

- (3) I enclose the Course Fee for:-
next term
next year

**CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:-
"St. Theodore Ecclesiastical Trust"**

I wish to pay weekly
(Visitors only)

**For Alternative Methods of Payment
for International Students see the
Guide on the E-Quip web page**

- (4) I understand that monies paid in advance are only repayable for unused terms not parts of terms.
- (5) I am /am not applying for Diploma Distance Learning (non-attendance at lectures in Manchester)

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