

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?

We have a team of experienced and theologically trained lecturers.

When will it start and how often will it meet?

When there are sufficient students for a locally based course, the details will be advised to the participants. The sessions combine the lecture, discussion and some practical activity. Some of the resources for the Diploma will be published online as well as on paper. For students outside Manchester, the course can start at any time.

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 (unless personal circumstances intervene)?

For local students, 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). There is also, however, a Distance Learning option.

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

Yes you may ... but you won't qualify for the Diploma.

Can non-Orthodox attend?

This course is not designed for those who have little first-hand 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. However, we do have non-Orthodox participants.

How may non-Orthodox attend?

With the agreement of the Course Director and upon application, non-Orthodox Christians may attend and complete the course fully.

Will it cost anything?

For all students completing the Diploma, yes. Please refer to the fee table which includes concessionary rates. Non-Diploma visitors receiving support pay a 50% tariff. Those simply wishing to read the lectures online may do so for **FREE**.

E-Quip (Diploma and Visitors only) Registration Form

Name

Address

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 local lectures)

SIGN & DATE