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THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

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Distance Learning (via Zoom)

The importance of the Proverbs in the Orthodox Christian tradition is testified to by the Greek name for this book in the Septuagint, *Paroimiai* (Parables), the same word used for the sayings of Christ in the New Testament. The Proverbs are also revealed to be Messianic in the Gospel of John, prophesizing the coming of Christ—and moreover, the Proverbs are the primary scripture celebrating the Third Person of the Trinity, *Sophia*, the Divine Wisdom of God as the Holy Spirit. And what is more, the Book of Proverbs provides us today with insights for living a virtuous life guided by the Wisdom of God in our daily affairs.

This course provides an easily approachable introduction to the historical contexts, manuscript tradition, poetry and parallelism, and reception history to the Book of Proverbs and the Wisdom Tradition in the New Testament and beyond, together with insights from the Church Fathers and academic scholarship on the hidden meaning and importance of the Proverbs.

The aim of this class is to offer students *an easily approachable introduction* to the Book of Proverbs in the Orthodox tradition, with the goal of enhancing your experience of Orthodoxy and the Bible as well as providing an objective foundation to guide future studies.

New students, and students of all education levels and faith backgrounds are welcome!

No prerequisites required

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