

The Liturgical Year of the Syriac Orthodox Church

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course deals principally with the Syriac Orthodox Church year, within the context of the development of the liturgical year in the early Church. We will read liturgical texts from the Church's prayer books – such as Fanqitho, Kthobo d ̤usoye and M'ad'dono – for the whole of the Church year in relation to the relevant scriptural readings. In addition, we will study secondary literature on the Bible to give a perspective on how the Bible should be read in relation to the liturgical year.

GOALS

After successful completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Understand and give an account of the development of the liturgical year in the early Church.
- Understand and give an account of the Syriac Orthodox Church's liturgical year.
- Explain and discuss the central theological themes in the year from the perspective of the Syriac Orthodox Church's prayer books.
- Explain and discuss the Syriac translation of the Bible.
- Explain and discuss how the Bible can be read in relation to the liturgical year.

ASSESSMENT

There are no examinations for College courses organised by the Folkhögskola. Assessment is based on full participation in all aspects of the course. This includes reading the set texts, completing written assignments and participating in group work.

REQUIREMENTS

All students need to be at least 18 years old, be officially registered in Sweden and have a sufficient knowledge of the language of instruction.

TUITION

Tuition at Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola is free for everyone who is a citizen of Sweden or another EU country or who have been granted permission to live in Sweden. Students must be registered as living in Sweden.

SERVICE FEE

Students are required to pay a service fee. The service fee for this course is SEK 400 per semester.

Quick Facts

Organizer

Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Level

Preparatory

Length

1 year

Study Pace

Part-time (50%)

Type of Instruction

Distance learning with on-campus meetings on 2 weekends per semester

Location

Campus Södertälje

Language of Instruction

Swedish & English

Literature & Materials

Texts from the Fanqitho, Kthobo d ̤usoye and M'ad'dono in Swedish translation.

Paul F. Bradshaw, Maxwell E. Johnson, *The Origins of Feasts, Fasts and Seasons in Early Christianity*, Liturgical Press, 2011.

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Ignatios Afrem I Barsoum, *De spridda pärlorna*, Anastasis, 2006.

Sebastian Brock, *The Bible in the Syriac Tradition*, Gorgias Press, 2006.

John Breck, *Scripture in Tradition*, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2001.