

**Our Faith: Orthodox Christianity at St. Michael's
Woonsocket, Rhode Island
Winter, 2008 (Fr. Anthony Perkins)**

This set of classes is designed to explore Orthodox Christianity as it is practiced at St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church. As such, it will cover the fundamental tenets of our faith as they are lived in our personal lives, our homes, our community, and our parish.

Parallel sections meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 and on Thursday evenings at 6:30. Each session will last 45 minutes to an hour and consist of the following basic elements:

- **Opening prayer**
- **Scripture lesson**
- **Lecture / Presentation**
- **Discussion**
- **Closing prayer**

The sessions will run through the first full week of March. That will allow us to finish in time for Great Lent, when we will begin a course of Bible Study on the Prophecies of the Passion and Resurrection, and Their Fulfillment.

Here are the topics we will cover:

- **Introduction: Fr. Anthony talks about his own journey to Orthodoxy and Woonsocket.**
- **ABC's of Salvation through Christ and His Orthodox Church: why do we have all this stuff?**
- **Church Architecture and the Movement of the Faithful**
- **The Prayers of Our Church: Patterns of Personal and Corporate Worship**
- **The History of Our Church – from the upper room to Woonsocket**
- **A Brief Catechism of Our Church**
- **The Sacramental Life in Community: Membership at St. Michael's**