Course Description

*Short Catalog Description:* This course will examine the liturgical theology of the annual celebration of major feasts and seasons of the church year in history and in the present reform with attention to ecumenical comparisons as well as to catechesis, spirituality, and pastoral practice.

A historical and comparative liturgical theological analysis of the major feasts and seasons of the church year in Eastern and Western traditions is the goal of this course. This historical analysis seeks to provide the factual knowledge of the development of the church year in history. This approach accentuates the origins and the evolution of particular feasts. The development begins in the New Testament, which informs us about Christian life and thus is the benchmark of later developments. These later developments will be analyzed in a detailed manner paying close attention to their evolution through the centuries. The course proceeds according to the development of particular feasts and not according to their position in the calendar. This study will accentuate: 1) the reasons for and meaning of the new developments, 2) how they reflect or detract from original practice, 3) an evaluation of our present practice in light of the original intent, 4) what if anything should be done about the practices that depart from the pristine view. Throughout the study, comparison of various liturgical traditions illustrates a more comprehensive understanding of Christian tradition. The fruits of this study will then provide application to catechesis, spirituality, and pastoral practice.

**Instructional Methods**

Lecture and student presentations
Goals and Objectives:
The goals of this course are to elaborate a historical critical understanding of the development of the liturgical year with an emphasis upon tradition. The goal is to elaborate a synthetic view of the tradition which encompasses history and helps to make the liturgical year meaningful today.

At the conclusion of the course, the student will be able to apply the critical methodology elaborated in this course to research and develop deeper understandings of the liturgical year. This will enable the students to conduct and publish their own research on the liturgical year and facilitate the development of a solid theology of the liturgical year.

Required Texts

Additional required articles and documents available on reserve from Mullen Library or through Blackboard.

Course Requirements and Assessment
A. (10%) Attendance, preparation of readings, participation in class discussion.
   1. Attendance: INCOMPLETES ARE GIVEN ONLY IN THE CASE OF SERIOUS ILLNESS. University requirements assume that students attend all classroom lectures. Out of courtesy, the professor expects an explanation of absence or tardiness via e-Mail.
   2. Preparation of the readings listed on the syllabus are to be prepared FOR the class. Discussion regarding the topic is mandatory.
   3. Participation in Blackboard discussion groups is mandatory.

B. (20%) Class Presentations - Each week, one student will give a presentation on a topic pertinent to the readings and subjects of the day which is also in some way pertinent to his/her research. On the first day of class, each student will select the sessions they wish to present, and will receive the professor’s approval of the topic. Presentations should be emailed to all class members on Monday or Wednesday evening (5:00 pm) before our regular meeting so that the other participants may review and print out for class.

C. (70%) 25 page paper, typed, double spaced, with bibliography. Footnotes and bibliography are to follow the Chicago Manual of Style. Topic is to be turned in to me by Oct 3. A preliminary bibliography will be due on Oct 29. Each student will present his/her paper in class in the end of the semester.
Assessment
The student’s work will be assessed according to the quality of the written work and participation in class according to the percentages outlined in the course requirements section. Professionalism in class room discussions and presentations are highly valued.

University grades
The University grading system is available at http://policies.cua.edu/academicgrad//gradesfull.cfm for graduate students. Reports of grades in courses are available at the end of each term on http://cardinalstation.cua.edu.

This is my point scale equivalent to the University grade system:

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Academic Honesty
Academic honesty is expected of all CUA students. Faculty are required to initiate the imposition of sanctions when they find violations of academic honesty, such as plagiarism, improper use of a student’s own work, cheating, and fabrication.

The following sanctions are presented in the University procedures related to Student Academic Dishonesty (from http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrityprocedures.cfm): “The presumed sanction for undergraduate students for academic dishonesty will be failure for the course. There may be circumstances, however, where, perhaps because of an undergraduate student’s past record, a more serious sanction, such as suspension or expulsion, would be appropriate. In the context of graduate studies, the expectations for academic honesty are greater, and therefore the presumed sanction for dishonesty is likely to be more severe, e.g., expulsion. ...In the more unusual case, mitigating circumstances may exist that would warrant a lesser sanction than the presumed sanction.”

Please review the complete texts of the University policy and procedures regarding Student Academic Dishonesty, including requirements for appeals, at http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrity.cfm and http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrity.cfm.
Student Support
Remember that the University has a Writing Center and Counseling Center for your assistance. Please take full advantage of the Theology Library on the fourth floor. Many resources are available on the internet and you should take full advantage of ATLA and Catholic Periodical Literature Index.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
Any student who feels he/she may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss specific needs. Please contact Disability Support Services (at 202-319-5211 Pryzbyla Center 207) to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. To read about the services and policies, please visit the website: http://disabilitysupport.cua.edu

Class Courtesy
Be on time, be engaged, be focused! Arriving late, leaving early, engaging in disruptive conversation, and studying material for other classes will result in a deduction of your grade. Cell phones are to be silenced and out of sight! The use of cell phones in class (texting, emailing) or computers for purposes other than note taking will result in a deduction of your grade.
CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Readings and Abbreviations

Adam, Adolph. The Liturgical Year: Its History & Its Meaning after the Reform of the Liturgy, Collegeville 1981 = ADAM


J. Daniélou, The Bible and the Liturgy, Notre Dame 1956 = DANIELOU


Th. Maertens, A Feast in Honor of Yahweh, Notre Dame 1965 = MAERTENS

A. G. Martimort, The Church at Prayer, IV: Liturgy and Time = MARTIMORT

A. Nocent, The Liturgical Year, 4 vols = NOCENT

S.K. Roll, Toward the Origins of Christmas = ROLL

Studia Liturgica = SL

Alexander Schmemann, Great Lent = SCHMEMANN


The Festal Menaion, Kallistos Ware & Mother Mary, translators, introduction by Georges Florovsky (London: Faber, 1969) = FESTAL MENAION
Course Outline

NOTE: An asterisk (*) indicates titles considered as required reading. Other readings are recommended as time allows. Several readings appear more than once in different parts of the outline, according to their relevance to the topic.

WEEK 1
Introduction to the course
Theological Foundations I: Time and Celebration in Religion and Ritual; Celebration in the Bible; Sacred History and Anamnesis

Tuesday, August 27
Thursday, August 29
*Eliade, *The Myth of the Eternal Return chapters 1-2 or id., *The Sacred and Profane
*Taft, “The Liturgical Year: Studies, Prospects, Reflections” in *BMH 3-24
*BEW chapter 1
*ROLL section 1.1.1
*Ex. 12-13; Dt 5,6,8
*Vatican II, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgies
Mateos, *Beyond Conventional Christianity* chapter 5
**ADAM** chapters 1-2
Barr, *Biblical Words for Time* 38-46
Bouyer, *Rite and Man* chapter 10
Childs, *Memory and Tradition in Israel* chapters 6-7
Meyer, “Time and Liturgy” in *LIT TIME*

WEEK 2
Tuesday, September 3
Thursday, September 5
Theological Foundations II: Christ as Salvation History: The Mystery and the Mysteries
*ADAM* chapter 3
*Bouyer, Liturgical Piety*, chapters 14-16
*St. Augustine, Letters*, 54-55.
*St. Leo the Great, Sermons*, 36, 63.
*BEW* chapter 13
Casel, *The Mystery of Christian Worship*, chapter 4
Pius XII, *Mediator Dei*, nos. 151-171.
Vatican II, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, nos. 1-10, 102-111
WEEK 3

Tuesday, September 10

Thursday, September 12


*DENIS-BOULET chapters 1-2, 9-10

*ROLL, 27-34; 41-76.

*Rom 14:5-9; Col 2:13-17; Gal 4:8-11; Lk 4:16-21

*BEW chapters 1 and 2

Dodd, The Apostolic Preaching, “Appendix


Marthaler, B.L., “The Date of Easter, Anno Domini, and Other Calendar Considerations,” Worship 73 (1999) 194-211.

NOCENT vol. 1: “Introduction”


WEEK 4

From Sabbath to Sunday

Tuesday, September 17

Thursday, September 19

*FFS chapters 1-4

*BEW chapters 3 and 5

*DANIELOU chapters 14-16

*Rordorf, Sunday, ch. 2-6 and “Retrospect”


*Porter, The Day of Light.

ADAM chapter 4

Heschel, The Sabbath


MARTIMORT 3-29.

Bacchiochi, From Sabbath to Sunday: a historical investigation of the rise of Sunday observance in early Christianity (Rome: Pontifical Gregorian University Press: distributed in the USA by the author, 1977)

MAERTENS chapter 7.
WEEK 5

Easter/Pascha

Tuesday, September 24

Thursday, September 26

*FFS chapters 5-7
*ADAM chapter 5
*Melito of Sardis, On Pascha.
*Talley, “History and Eschatology in the Primitive Pascha” in *BMH*
*Bradshaw, “The Origins of Easter” in *BMH*


Bouyer, *The Paschal Mystery*.

Bradshaw, *Passover and Easter: Origin and History to Modern Times*


de Vaux, *Ancient Israel*, Part II, no. 1

**DENIS-BOULET** chapter 4


Durwell, *The Resurrection*.

Egeria, *Diary*, ch 24-27 (=Wilkinson, *Egeria’s Travels*)

Homilies of Hesychius and Sophronius of Jerusalem.


**MAERTENS** chapter 5.

**MARTIMORT**33-76.

McArthur, Part III.

**NOCENT** volume 2, pp. v-68, 184-236.


WEEK 6

Holy Week

Tuesday, October 1

Thursday, October 3 – RESEARCH PAPER TOPIC DUE
*FFS chapters 10-14  
*Bouyer, Liturgical Piety, ch 14  
*Brown, A Crucified Christ in Holy Week  
*DANIELOU chapter 17.  
*Regan, “The Three Days and the Forty Days,” in BMH  
*The Liturgy of Holy Week (consult texts of your own tradition)  
Davies, Holy Week, A Short History  
Morozowich – selections from thesis  
Taft, R., “Holy Week in the Byzantine Tradition,” in BMH.  
Tyrer, Historical Survey of Holy Week  
Yarnold, The Awe-Inspiring Rites of Initiation.

WEEK 7
Lent
Tuesday, October 8
Thursday, October 10
*FFS chapters 12 and 13  
*ADAM ch 5  
*Egeria (sections pertinent to Great Lent)  
* Preparation for Pascha? Lent in Christian Antiquity” in BMH  
*BEW chapter 4  
*TALLEY, Parts I & III  
*Talley, “The Origin of Lent in Alexandria” in BMH  
Baldovin, The Urban Character of Christian Worship, ch 1-2.  
Schmemann, Alexander, Great Lent  
Talley, “Liturgical Time in the Ancient Church,” LT.
WEEK 8

Pentecost – Ascension

Tuesday, October 15 – NO CLASS
Thursday, October 17
*FFS chapters 8-9
*DANEILOU, ch. 18-19.
*MAERTENS chapter 6.
*TALLEY 57-70.

Patrick Regan, “The Fifty Days and the Fiftieth Day” in BMH
Catherine Mowry LaCugna, “Making the Most of Trinity Sunday” in BMH
McArthur, Part IV.
NOCENT volume 3: 176-313.

WEEK 9

Advent-Christmas

Tuesday, October 22
Thursday, October 24
*FFS chapters 15, 18
*Brown, *A Coming Christ in Advent*
*ROLL sections 2.2-3.2 = pp. 77-164.

Martin Connell, “The Origins and Evolution of Advent in the West” in BMH
ADAM chapter 6.

WEEK 10

Epiphany and Hypapante

Tuesday, October 29 – PRELIMINARY BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE
Thursday, November 1
*FFS chapters 16-17
*Gunstone, *Christmas and Epiphany*
Winkler, “The Appearance of the Light at the Baptism of Jesus and the Origins of the Feast of Epiphany: An Investigation of Greek, Syriac, Armenian, and Latin Sources” in *BMH*

WEEK 11
The Sanctoral Cycle and Holy Days; Quarter-tense Days and Seasonal Fasts, Stations.
Dedications

**Tuesday, November 5**

**Thursday, November 7**

*FFS* chapters 19-20
*Brown, *The Cult of Saints."
*TALLEY* 147-155
McDonnell, “The Marian Liturgical Tradition” in *BMH*

**ADAM** chapter 8
*Baldovin, *The Urban Character of Christian Worship*
*Gurrieri, “Holy Days in America,” *Worship* 54 (1980) 417-446 or USCC Publication: *Holy Days in US.*
*MARTIMORT* 97-105.
*Perham, *The Communion of Saints*
*Willis, Essays in Roman Liturgy*, ch. 2.
*Willis, Further Essays in Roman Liturgy*, ch. 1,3.

WEEK 12
The Liturgical Year in Various Traditions I : Byzantine

**Tuesday, November 12**
Thursday, November 14  
*FESTAL MENAION* 9-66.  
* Mother Mary & Kallistos Ware, *Lenten Triodion*, 13-98.  
Articles by Robert Taft in *The Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium*  
Triodion & Pentecostarion.  
The year of grace of the Lord: a scriptural and liturgical commentary on the calendar of the Orthodox Church, by a monk of the Eastern Church; translated from the French by Deborah Cowen  
[BT5236 .A513 1980b](#)  

**WEEK 13**  
The Liturgical Year in Various Traditions I I: Armenian, Coptic, Maronite, Ethiopian, Syrian Traditions  

Tuesday, November 19  

Thursday, November 21  
* Mishel Hayek, *Liturgie Maronite: histoire et textes eucharistiques*  
* John Moolan, *The Period of Annunciation-Nativity in the East Syrian Calendar, chapter 1*  
* O.F.A Meinardus, *Christian Egypt, Ancient and Modern*, 34-108  

**WEEK 14**  

Tuesday, November 26  
**PAPER PRESENTATIONS**  

Thursday, November 28 – NO CLASS/THANKSGIVING BREAK  

**WEEK 15**  

Tuesday, December 3  
**PAPER PRESENTATIONS**  

Thursday, December 5  
**PAPER PRESENTATIONS**
SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY
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**C. JEWISH FESTIVALS**
D. SUNDAY

E. EASTER, HOLY WEEK, LENT


A. Chavasse, "La Structure du Carême et les lectures des messes quadragésimales dans la liturgie romaine," La Maison-Dieu 31 (1952), 76-119.


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F. EASTER SEASON, ASCENSION, PENTECOST


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