

# HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The Senior High Class (grades 9-12) of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, York, PA is using this syllabus for the first semester of 1999-2000. James Tautkas teaches the class which lasts about 45 minutes. James has divided **THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM and THE PILGRIM CONTINUES HIS WAY** into 14 sessions. He will give us a list of the topics that his classed discussed each session for the Fall 2000 Packet. The next book for this class will be **The Orthodox Way** by Bishop Kallistos Ware. I met James at the York Workshop this past fall. In addition to teaching, he is the Co-Director of the Church School. When we talked about his class and what he was doing, I asked him to share his thoughts with all of you.

*"There are a few reasons why I chose these books to begin the reading program. One is that the books are simply written. Another is that they show the reader, Orthodox and nonorthodox alike, the many aspects of our Orthodox faith from simple prayer to the revelations of the Gospels.*

*"For the sake of continuity, the books were divided into sections according to story length rather than subject. Each section does not have a specific topic assigned to it because there are a multitude of topics for discussion within each section. So before each class I reread the assignment and chose a topic that is interesting for the students and will help me to accomplish my objectives for the books.*

*"My objectives for these books are to (1) introduce the students to the Jesus Prayer and (2) show them the awesome power of the prayer through the personal testimonies of the pilgrim and those he meets along the Way. In addition, by reading books of our faith I hope to (3) lead the students back to the Bible, the foundation of our Holy Orthodox Church, and to (4) instill in them the courage and confidence to trust the word of Christ and to follow him on the path toward salvation He completed by His death and resurrection. Ultimately, I wish to restore in my students their natural inclination for prayer and to keep Christ on their minds at all times so that they may be lead to the 'very heart of God'."*



## **SESSIONS**

## **ASSIGNED PAGES ARE TO BE READ BEFORE CLASS**

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