

Recommended Reading List

Primary Patristic Reading

NPNF = Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers series¹; FC = Fathers of the Church series²; PPS = Popular Patristic Series³

St. Ambrose of Milan, *Hexaemeron*, found in FC 42

— *Paradise 1, 14, & 11*, found in FC 42

— *On the Decease of His Brother*, found in NPNF 2-10

St. Athanasius the Great, *Four Discourses Against the Arians*, found in NPNF 2-4

St. Basil the Great, *Hexaemeron*, found in NPNF 2-8

— *On the Origin of Man*, found in PPS 30

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechetical Lectures 12*, found in NPNF 2-7

St. Abba Dorotheos, *Teachings Profitable for the Soul*, trans. Constantine Scouteris

St. Ephraim the Syrian, *Commentary on Genesis*, found in FC 130

— *Hymns on Paradise 1*, found in PPS 10

St. Gregory Palamas, *Topics of Natural and Theological Science*, 49-50, found in *Philokalia 4*, pp. 369-70.

St. Gregory the Sinaite, *On Commandments and Doctrines*, find in *Philokalia 4*

St. Gregory Nazianzus the Theologian, *Oration 44 & 45*, found in NPNF 2-7

— *Dogmatic Poems*, especially numbers 4-7, may be found in *Poemata Arcana*, trans. DA Sykes

St. Gregory of Nyssa, *On the Soul and Resurrection*, found in NPNF 2-5

— *On the Making Man*, found in NPNF 2-5

— *On Virginity*, found in NPNF 2-5

St. John Chrysostom, *Eight Sermons on the Book of Genesis*, trans. Robert C. Hill

— *Homilies on Romans 14*, found in NPNF 1-11

St. John Damascene, *On the Orthodox Faith*, FC 37

St. Macarius the Great, *Fifty Spiritual Homilies 11*, published by Paulist Press

St. Paisius Velichkovsky, *The Scroll, Six Chapters on Mental Prayer*, find in the *Little Russian Philokalia 4*

St. Seraphim of Sarov, *Conversation of St. Seraphim of Sarov on the Aim of Christian Life*, found in *Little Russian Philokalia 1*

St. Symeon the New, Theologian, *Homilies 2, 10, 37, 38, 45 and 66*, found in *The First-Created Man* published by St Herman of Alaska Brotherhood.

¹ Found for free here: <https://www.ccel.org/fathers>

² Some may be found for free here: <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/> or the series may be purchased here: <https://verbum.com/product/33665/fathers-of-the-church-series>

³ May be purchased here: <https://svspress.com/categories/Popular-Patristics-Series/>

Further Secondary Reading by Topics

On the Orthodox Mindset

Acquiring the Mind of Christ by Archmandrite Sergius Bowyer

The Mind of the Orthodox Church by Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos

On Human Nature: Sexuality, Relational Identity & Knowing Truth

The Bible and Homosexual Practice by Robert Gagnon

Theology of the Body by Jean-Claude Larchet

The Disappearing Deaconess: How the Hierarchical Ordering of Church Offices Doomed the Female Diaconate by Deacon Brian Patrick Mitchell

The Abolition of Man by CS Lewis

On Race & National Identity and Missiology: How the Great Commission is fulfilled

Wade in the River by Fr. Alexii Paisius Altschul

An Unbroken Circle: Linking Ancient African Christianity to the African-American Experience published by The Fellowship of the St Moses the Black

Into all the World: An Orthodox Theology of Mission by Fr. Edward Rommen

Future, the Background of History: Essays of Church Mission in an Age of Globalization by Athanasios Papataniasiou

Apostle to Zaire by Dimitris Aslandis and Monk Damascene Grigoriatis

Also, recommend reading the lives 'Missionary Saints.' Here are some suggestions: Sts. Cyril and Methodius Enlighteners of the Slavs; The Alaskan Missionaries: St. Herman, St Innocent, St. Juvenaly; St. Tikhon Apostle to America; St. Nicholas of Japan

On Human Being's Spiritual Composition and Growth

The Enlargement of the Heart by Archmandrite Zacharias Zacharou of Essex

The Spiritual Life & How to Attune to It by St. Theophan the Recluse

The Path to Salvation by St. Theophan the Recluse

Monastic Wisdom by St. Joseph the Hesychast

The Way of the Spirit by Elder Aimilianos of Simopetra

The Church at Prayer by Elder Aimilianos of Simopetra