

UNIT 1C ORTHODOX FAITH AND LIFE

YEAR 1

Diploma Assignments

- (1) Please complete **TWO** out of these five assignments.
- (2) If possible please prepare a typed script.
- (3) The assignment length for each choice should be between 1500 and 2000 words.
- (4) A bibliography and footnotes should be provided. Biblical references should be given where appropriate.
- (5) Your course tutor is available at all times should you need advice or have any difficulty.

Assignment Titles (Choose TWO)

- (1) "The New Testament is the Golden Age of the Church to which we should aspire to return" Explain why this is NOT the Orthodox view.
- (2) Explain how the Church rose to the challenge of the Gentile Mission before the Edict of Milan.
- (3) "The Latin West and the Greek East were set on divergent paths long before the Great Schism." Give arguments for and against this view and come to your own reasoned conclusion.
- (4) Explain and account for the long term changes in the Byzantine Church after the Fall of Constantinople. Restrict your study to Asia Minor.
- (5) Show how the Russian Church was influenced by the west from the reign of Peter the Great to the Council of 1917.
- (6) Orthodoxy never had a Reformation or an Enlightenment but are the reasons for this clear from the historical record?