

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. Explain the distinction between Creator and Creation in Orthodox Christian theology and in that context account for humanity's God ordained role.
2. "Theotokos" strictly speaking is a Christological title of the Incarnation. Show how In patristic thought and subsequently this understanding of the title informed the Orthodox Christian veneration of the Ever Virgin Mary.
3. "The Filioque clause was an important factor in setting the Christian west on a course towards monarchical papal authority". Discuss with reasoned arguments for and against this hypothesis.
4. "Theosis is nothing less and nothing more than salvation." Write an article for a non-Orthodox Christian magazine on this theme. Your readership will have mostly a high school education only.
5. What is the relationship between this world, the Kingdom of God and the Age to Come?