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### Each Week at Mac

**VESPERS SERVICE**

6:00pm Mondays - MUSC 224

**DESERT WISDOM COFFEE TALKS**

Following Vespers each Monday - 7pm

September 2010

## Orthodoxy: Christianity That's Older Than the Pope

### If God is the Answer, What is the Question?

People today may be looking for answers, but are we asking the right questions? Join us as we discuss this simple, but foundational topic. *Monday, September 13th*

### Who Is Your God?

One great philosopher said, "Everyone worships something"; another said "Our faith determines our life". Times of religious and spiritual confusion force us to ask: who or what is it that we worship? A talk to kick off our 2010-2011 lecture series.

*Monday, September 20th*

### Who Can I Trust?

Belief in anything - God, politics, environmentalism, or the Easter Bunny - depends on the question of trust. Many Christians say we must "trust the Bible" - but is this enough? Can we trust anything? And if we trust *nothing*, what then?

*Monday, September 27th*

## October 2010 Ideas Have Consequences

### The 7 Lies of Atheism

Dare we say it?: The New Atheism *lies*. We'll explore modern atheism in light of history, and consider the full story of Christianity that the celebrities of modern atheism choose to ignore. *Monday, October 4th*

-----*Thanksgiving Break*-----

**OCFs Together** - An off-campus event. Local OCF chapters will gather to share a service, potluck, and fellowship, followed by a spiritual talk.

**FRIDAY, October 15th** – Topic & Location TBA

### Religious Stereotypes & Spiritual Confusion

Is popular coverage of religion informing us, or simply confusing? We'll discuss real pluralism in a world of soundbites. *Monday, October 18th*

### Grill the Christians

Christian? Muslim? Atheist? Not Sure? This is your chance to grill a panel of Christians of different backgrounds on questions, issues, and stereotypes about faith and belief. An event open to

all McMaster students who are serious about civil, reflective discussion about faith. *Monday, October 25th* – Location TBA

## November 2010 Christianity for Grown-ups

### November 1st – What Hath Darwin Wrought?

The implications of Darwinian theories go far beyond science. Join us to explore the social, political, and moral implications of the widespread but often misunderstood Darwinian ideology.

*Monday, November 1st* - Special Location TBA

### What is Christianity?

#### The Roman Catholic Worldview

Most of what passes for historical Christianity is simply the Roman Catholic experience, which only speaks of half of Christianity's 2000-year history. Join us for this talk, where we'll explore Christianity that is older than the Pope.

*Monday, November 8th*

### What is Christianity?

#### The Protestant Worldview

Most of what passes for Christianity in Canada is specifically Protestant Christianity, which only gives about 500 years of a 2000 year-old picture. Join us for this talk, where we'll explore Christianity that is older than Protestantism, and the Pope.

*Monday, November 15th*

### Pre-Christmas OCF Dinner

*(following Vespers Service at 6pm); Service of Blessing before Exams, and St Gregory Palamas Patron Saint Day Celebration.*

Join us for our annual pre-Christmas Dinner, at a location to be announced. *Monday, November 22nd.*

## January 2011 – Real Men, Real Women

### Orthodoxy: Christianity for MEN

Church services full of tears, emotions, and love – Ever get the feeling, boys, that Christianity is for the *girls*? In this talk, we'll discuss the feminization of modern Christianity, and dig into the roots of historic Orthodoxy: Christianity for *men*.

*Monday, January 10th*

### Be A Man: *The Life of St Anthony of Egypt*

T Faith is not about ideas: it's about how we live. In this talk, we'll take a look at the life of the tough, spiritual giant Saint Anthony of Egypt, and discover what made this lion of the desert one of the greatest – and most humble – pillars of early Christianity. *Monday, January 17th*

## Soul Friendship –

### Part 1: Real Friendship vs. The Rest of Them

Saint John Chrysostom says the only real love is the care about the soul of another person. How can we find friendships like that? Do people like that really exist? Join us to examine a topic that touches everyone's life.

*Monday, January 24th*

## Soul Friendship –

### Part 2: Finding & Recognizing a Spouse

If the foundation of marriage is love, and the basis of love is friendship and sacrifice, how do we go about finding it? A critical topic for anyone looking to find a true partner for life.

*Monday, January 31st*

## February 2011 - True Loves, False Loves

### The Four False "Loves":

#### Food, Fun, Fame & Freedom

We'll explore the four things that take up our lives from childhood, and address the question, "Did I ever grow up?"

*Monday, February 7th*

### The Suburban Delusion

Is suburban life rotting our souls? Join us for this talk on the dangers of everything modern life holds dear – success, affluence, and pleasure – and discover how we might successfully respond in our own life.

*Monday, February 14th*

– *Reading Week* –

### Facing a Disinterested World

It's a noble thing to fight against the evils of the world – but what if the world doesn't care? How should a faithful Christian respond to a world that seems increasingly disinterested? We'll try to get to the bottom of this interesting (?) question!

*Monday, February 28th*

## March 2011

### Depression & Spiritual Illness

No topic afflicts more North American lives than depression. In this talk, we'll look at the social, physical, and spiritual roots of this epidemic condition, and discuss approaches to helping those who face it. *Monday, March 7th*

Sessions and services for each Monday for the month of March will be announced. **Got questions or ideas for a session?** Email the Chaplain at [korzg@hotmail.com](mailto:korzg@hotmail.com).