



# St. Macrina Orthodox Institute

**for Renewal of Diakonia and Catechesis in the Midwest Diocese, OCA**  
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## **SPIRITUALITY—New Course, Starting December/January**

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This is the introductory course in the St. Macrina curriculum cycle of 7 courses. Students learn about the basics of Orthodox spirituality through important patristic texts. These texts will explain traditional scriptural interpretation and teach the ascetic theology of the Church. Through these, students will learn to apply scriptural and liturgical images to our inner life, and identify the virtues and passions as described by the great teachers of the Church. This course is a formational foundation of the program, helping us to inculcate the right virtues and the practice of prayer that supports the whole curriculum. Learning about “asceticism” helps to prepare the students to have the right frame of mind for further study of theological subjects that follow in the curriculum.

Sundays (approximately every second Sunday, 4-7pm CT); dates to be decided by conferral with students.

Tuition: \$500. Place: on zoom, virtual, plus some in-person hybrid sessions for Chicago Deanery students

Contact Fr. Elijah at email and phone number above.