**Catechesis Requirements at St Philip’s**

**Attend Services Regularly:**

* Sunday Liturgy (weekly)
* Vespers (weekly)
* Matins/Orthros (often)
* Feasts & Seasonal

**Attend Classes:**

* Fall and Spring Intro to Orthodoxy Series - Catechumens and Inquirers
* Bible Studies, Special Lectures, Lenten Retreats, Homilies as offered by St. Philip's and other local churches

**Reading:**

* The entire Bible or at least the New Testament and Psalms
* "Starting Down the Royal Path" by Archpriest Josiah Trenham, Ph.D.

<http://www.saintandrew.net/files/catechumen%20info/Starting-Down-the-Royal-Path---How-to-Become-an-Orthodox-Christian.pdf>

* *On the Priesthood* - St. John Chrysostom
* *The Orthodox Church* - Kallistos Ware
* *The Faith* - Clark Carlton
* *For the Life of the World* - Alexander Schmemann
* *Way of the Ascetics* - Tito Colliander

**Find an AncientFaith.Com Podcast series to listen through.**

**Forms** (<http://www.saintandrew.net/catechumens.html>)

* Parishioner Info
* Pledge Form
* Orthopraxis Form
* Patron Saint Form
* Renunciations and Affirmations Form
* Include a copy of your Baptismal Certificate

**Practical**

* Get a little red prayer book.  Pray daily and try to memorize the prayers.
* Sign Up for the St. Philip List Serve (email Vera at the church office - apostlephilip@gmail.com) and follow it closely
* Attend Coffee Hour and get to know people
* Attend and help with Special Events (Festival, Lectures, Services, Outreach, etc.)
* Two Interviews - discuss with and report to Fr. Noah
* Visit two other parishes in the area
* Visit a monastery (St. Tikhon's and Holy Protection are nearby.)
* Attend services with and receive the blessing of our Bishop  (Nov 1, 2015 at St Philip’s)
* Come to an unofficial confession quarterly (after vespers, before Liturgy, or by appointment)
* Godparent/Sponsor - discuss and then confirm with Fr. Noah
* Write a Letter, Essay or schedule a Discussion - "Why do I want to become Orthodox?"

**Final Preparations for Baptism/Chrismation**

* A baptismal Cross and Candle. If needed, a baptismal garment. (Angie D may be willing to make one if you ask really nicely!)
* Review weekly the Baptism and/or Chrismation Service
* Pray through the Communion Prayers
* Schedule your “Life Confession”