

The Good Portion – Women’s Book Study

...one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her” Luke 10:41-42

Meet 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6pm in the Hall

About the Book

Thinking Orthodox

Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind

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Even when we aren’t aware of it, we are deeply influenced by the cultural, secular and worldly mind in which we live. How can we identify the mind of the Church and align ourselves to this way of thinking? What are the unspoken and unexplored principles and assumptions underlying what Christians believe? This book explains what the mind of the Church is, how it can be acquired, how it is expressed in Theology, and ultimately how we live our lives with the mind or perspectives revealed by God for His people.

Format for Study Gatherings

- Prayer – Intercessory – bring a list of names
- Potluck Dinner
- Book Discussion – What new insights did you gain about the Orthodox mind as opposed to the world and culture in which we live? How will this reading help you in your personal thinking and living out your faith in the context of the world in which we live?
- Friendship

The Reading Schedule

September 2023

- Introduction
- Chapter 1: The Distinctiveness of Orthodox Christianity
- Chapter 2: What is Phronema?

October 2023

- Chapter 3: Phronema in the Western Christian Tradition
- Chapter 4: The Orthodox Phronema

November 2023

- Chapter 5: Acquiring an Orthodox Phronema

December 2024

- Chapter 6: Theology and the Theologian
- Chapter 7: Phronema: Tradition

January 2024

- Chapter 8: Phronema: Scripture
- Chapter 9: Phronema: The Fathers

February 2024

- Chapter 10: Characteristics of the True Orthodox Theologian

March 2024

- Chapter 11: Theological Education
- Chapter 12: The Fathers on Those Who Would Dabble in Theology

April 2024

- Chapter 13: Theological Discernment: When to Speak
- Chapter 14: Theological Discernment: When not to Speak

May 2024

- Chapter 15: Theological Dangers: Conceptual

June 2024

- Chapter 16: Theological Dangers: Spiritual
- Conclusion: Jesus Christ and Orthodox Phronema