This guide lists resources specifically on Eastern Christianity. Many general resources on Christian history, theology, and liturgy may also be useful; see the Kelly Library research guides on Church History, Patristics, Systematic Theology, and Catholic Liturgy.

**DICTIONARIES**

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 100.7 .B53 1999]

This work covers Catholic and Orthodox, Byzantine and non-Byzantine, Chalcedonian and non-Chalcedonian traditions. There are articles on geographical areas, important persons, theological issues, and liturgical items. Includes bibliographical references, mostly to English-language works.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 230 .E53 2011]

Over 300 articles on people, groups, events, and liturgical items. Excellent bibliographical references.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 230 .C66 2001]

Brief definitions of names and terms.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 230 .P27 1987]

Articles on Greek Orthodox theology, history, and liturgy, particularly those topics of most importance to contemporary North Americans.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 230 .D4 1964]

Brief definitions.
[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 140.5 .M55 2010]  
Brief definitions of names and terms.

[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX 100.7 .G46 2011]  
Includes articles on bishops, theologians, and ecclesiastical jurisdictions.

**INTERNET SITES**

**Byzantine Catholic and Other Eastern Catholic Churches**  

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America**  
[http://www.goarch.org]

**Orthodox Church in America**  
[http://www.oca.org/]

**Orthodox Christian Information Center** (Julian calendar traditionalists)  
[http://www.orthodoxinfo.com/]

**HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY**

Brief essays on almost sixty different jurisdictions of Eastern Christians (Catholic, Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox). The online version is more up-to-date and includes more information.

[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX 106.23 .B53 2007]  
Chapters on each national tradition within Eastern Christianity, as well as chapters on liturgy, iconography, and hagiography.

[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX 290 .E278 2006]  
The standard one-volume history of Eastern Christianity, but with very little coverage of Eastern Catholicism.

Major survey articles as well as shorter articles on lesser topics covering the Byzantine Empire from the 4th to the 15th centuries.

There are a number of works which include biographical studies of the saints of the Byzantine calendar:


OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS


English translations of encyclicals and other documents issued by the popes from 1755 to 1995.


Reports and addresses from various Eastern Orthodox hierarchs and commissions about relationships with non-Eastern Orthodox Christians. A similar work which includes a few additional documents is The Orthodox Church in the Ecumenical Movement (St. Michael’s – BX 324 .O75).


LITURGY – TEXTS

There are a number of liturgical rites used by different Eastern Christians, including the Armenian, Byzantine, Chaldaean, Coptic, Ethiopian, Maronite, Syrian, Syro-Malabar, and Syro-Malankara rites.


An English translation of the Byzantine liturgy as used by Melkite Catholics.


The Greek text, a transliteration of the Greek text, and an English translation. Approved for use in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.


English translations of the Armenian, Byzantine, Chaldaean, Coptic, Ethiopian, and Syrian eucharistic prayers.

LITURGY – SECONDARY WORKS


Definitions for hundreds of liturgical terms including people, objects, prayers, and places.


An introduction to each of the eastern rites, with frequent quotations from the liturgical texts.


The standard history and guide to the Byzantine liturgy as used by Ukrainian and Ruthenian Catholics; this work is the Byzantine equivalent of Jungmann's The Mass of the Roman Rite.


A step-by-step guide to the eucharistic liturgy as celebrated in each of the Eastern rites, with numerous black and white illustrations displaying almost every aspect of the Divine Liturgy.
CANON LAW

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 4710.52 .C63 1992]

The official Latin text of the 1990 code with an English translation.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 4710.5 .Z98 1992]

A subject index to the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* with almost one thousand entries. While the index is written entirely in Latin, it is possible for students not fluent in Latin to understand many of the terms (e.g. “Invaliditas” for invalidity).

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 4711.5 .S67 1994]

An unannotated list of some 450 books and journal articles arranged by subject according to the canon numbers of the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*.

JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES

The titles listed here are specifically on Eastern Christianity; current issues of many of these journals are available in the journal display area on the second floor of the John M. Kelly Library. A number of other journals (theological, historical, ecumenical) also include articles on Eastern Christianity.

**Canadian Journal of Orthodox Christianity** (St. Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute)
[Available online: http://www.cjoc.ca] *Online*

Scholarly articles, documents, and book reviews. 3/year. In English.

**Diakonia** (University of Scranton)
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX106.3 .D53]

Scholarly articles, documents, and book reviews. 3/year. In English.

**Episkepsis** (Centre Orthodexe du Patriarcat Oecumemique)
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX200 .E645]


**The Greek Orthodox Theological Review** (Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology) *Online*
[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX200 .G7]

Scholarly articles and book reviews (including many books written in Greek). Quarterly. In English.
The Harp (St. Ephrem Ecumenical Research Institute)  
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX170 .H37]


Irénikon (Monastère bénédictin de Chevetogne)  
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX1 .I7]

Scholarly articles and many book reviews. Quarterly. In French.

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]  
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BR66 .J68]


Logos (Saint Paul University)  
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX4711.74 .L6]


One (Catholic Near East Welfare Association)  

A popular magazine with short articles and many colour photographs. Bimonthly. In English.

Orientalia Christiana Periodica (Pontifical Oriental Institute)  
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX100 .O74]


Orthodox Tradition (Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies)  
[Available online: http://www.synodinresistance.org/Publications_en/OrthodoxTradition.html]  
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX730 .O784]


The Orthodox Word (St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood)  
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX200 .O68]

Spiritual articles in the tradition of Archbishop John Maximovitch

Orthodoxes Forum (University of Munich)  
[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX100 .O79]

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FINDING MORE RESOURCES

**Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI).**
[Available online (1981 – present) for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca

Over 200,000 bibliographic citations to Catholic books, book reviews, and journal articles from more than 160 Catholic magazines.

**ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials.**
[Available online (1949 - present) for UofT use only: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]

Over one million bibliographic citations to journal articles, essays in books, and book reviews in the field of religion.

Both the ATLA Religion Database and the Catholic Periodical and Literature Index include links to many full-text electronic journal articles.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 320.2 .A53 1957]

Dated, but still useful.


An un-annotated list of works, mostly about the liturgy. Includes books as well as journal articles.

**A Contemporary Reading and Library Guide for the Orthodox Parish.** Edited by John L. Boojamra.
[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – Z675 .C5 C6 1977]

A list of books appropriate for a parish library. Dated, but still useful.

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES

The Kelly Library owns many DVDs on Eastern Christianity. These are available for a one-week loan period. Check out the list on our website:

http://stmikes.utoronto.ca/kelly/documentaries/easternchristianity.asp

The Library also has a small collection of audio CDs of Byzantine liturgical chant.

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One of the leading Christian theologians who started the polemics against Islam is John of Damascus (675-749) who lived in the Umayyad period. One of the most important works of John, who wrote many works to defend Christian theology, is The Fount of Knowledge. This work consists of three parts. His views on Islam are included in the second part of the work, On Heresies, under the heading of the Heresy of Ishmaelites. The guides are portals to online research resources on the Middles Eastern Studies, Ancient Near East and Egypt, Jewish studies, and Jewish Los Angeles. They offer links to online dictionaries, encyclopedias, and bibliographies; databases and indexes; e-book and journal collections, and online archives, image repositories and maps. New York: Oxford University Press, 1992. Introduction to Eastern Christianities. Albert, Micheline et al. (eds.) Christianismes Orientaux: introduction À l'étude des langues et des littératures. Paris: Éd. du Cerf., 1993. Angold, Michael (ed.) The Cambridge History of Christianity, Volume 5: Eastern Christianity. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. Brock, Sebastian.