

Market Survey Questionnaire

for the Future Master's Program in

Christian Orthodox Faith and Theology

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(In collaboration with Orthodox parishes and educational institutions in the United States)

Introduction

Dear respondent,

The Faculty of Orthodox Theology "Andrei Șaguna" of the *Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu (Romania)* is conducting a **market research survey** to evaluate the level of interest, expectations, and educational needs related to a new **Master's Program in English**, entitled:

"Christian Orthodox Faith and Theology"

This program aims to prepare **catechists, missionaries, and apologists of the Orthodox faith** to serve in the multicultural and dynamic context of American society — particularly within Orthodox parishes under Greek, Romanian, and Russian jurisdictions.

Your answers will help us design a relevant, accessible, and high-quality academic program that meets the real needs of the Orthodox Church in the United States.

Participation is voluntary, and all answers will be treated confidentially.

Section I. General Information

1. Gender:

Male Female Prefer not to say

2. Age group:

18–25 26–35 36–45 46–60 Over 60

3. Country and City of Residence:

4. Parish Jurisdiction:

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
 Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America / Metropolis of the Americas
 Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR)
 Orthodox Church in America (OCA)
 Other: _____

5. Current role in your parish:

Clergy (Priest/Deacon)
 Catechist / Religious Educator
 Lay Leader / Parish Council Member
 Choir / Youth Ministry / Sunday School

Interested parishioner or convert
 Other: _____

Section II. Educational Background and Interests

6. **Highest level of education completed:**
 High School College / Bachelor's Degree Master's Doctorate Seminary / Theological Studies

7. **Have you previously studied theology or religious education?**
 Yes No
If yes, please specify institution or background: _____

8. **Would you be interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Orthodox Theology in English?**
 Definitely Probably Not sure Unlikely

9. **What would be your main motivation to enroll in such a program? (Select all that apply)**
 Deepen my understanding of Orthodox theology and spirituality
 Serve as a catechist or missionary in my parish or diocese
 Academic interest and personal development
 Prepare for ministry or leadership roles
 Engage in apologetics and dialogue with other Christian denominations
 Other: _____

10. **Preferred format of study:**
 Fully online
 Hybrid (online + short intensive sessions in the U.S. or Romania)
 In-person (residential program in Romania)

Section III. Program Expectations

11. **Which areas of Orthodox theology interest you the most? (Select up to 3)**
 Dogmatic and Systematic Theology
 Patristics and Early Church Fathers
 Liturgy and Sacramental Theology
 Missiology and Pastoral Theology
 Bioethics and Contemporary Moral Issues
 Comparative Religion and Ecumenism
 Spirituality and Monastic Tradition
 Apologetics and Christian Mission in Modern Society

12. **What teaching methods would you prefer?**
 Video lectures and recorded sessions
 Interactive online seminars / tutorials
 Individual research projects
 Practical missionary and catechetical training

13. Would you expect the program to include pastoral practice or missionary fieldwork?

Yes No Not sure

14. How important is official academic recognition (Romanian and international accreditation)?

Very important Important Not very important Indifferent

15. What tuition range would you consider acceptable for a two-year accredited Master's program?

\$500–\$1,000 per year \$1,000–\$2,000 per year \$2,000–\$3,000 per year Over \$3,000 per year

Section IV. Open Feedback

16. In your opinion, what qualities should a graduate of the Master's Program in Christian Orthodox Faith and Theology possess?

17. What challenges do Orthodox believers face today in the American context that such a program could help address?

18. Would your parish or diocese be willing to support or recommend potential students for this program?

Yes Possibly No Not sure

19. Please share any additional comments or suggestions:

Section V. Contact Information (Optional)

If you would like to receive updates or express preliminary interest in the program, please provide your contact details:

- **Name:** _____
- **Email:** _____
- **Phone (optional):** _____
- **Parish:** _____

Thank you!

Your contribution will help shape a unique academic program that strengthens Orthodox witness, theological education, and spiritual renewal across North America.



Annex: Example of Statistical Analysis for the Self-Evaluation Report (ARACIS Model)

Sample size: 120 respondents (clergy, catechists, lay members)

Survey period: January–March 2026

Indicator	Example of Result	Interpretation
Interest in enrolling (“Definitely” or “Probably”)	78%	High potential demand for program initiation
Preferred format	65% online / 25% hybrid / 10% in-person	Predominantly online model recommended
Top interest areas	Dogmatic Theology (62%), Patristics (55%), Missiology (48%)	Curriculum should integrate these domains
Main motivations	Catechetical formation (70%), missionary service (60%)	Confirms alignment with program objectives
Willingness to pay tuition	68% accept \$1,000–\$2,000/year	Financially sustainable for international delivery
Institutional support (parishes/dioceses)	75% “Yes” or “Possibly”	High level of ecclesial endorsement

Conclusion:

Survey data indicate a **strong potential audience and ecclesial need** for the Master’s in *Christian Orthodox Faith and Theology*, especially in online and hybrid formats. The program would contribute significantly to the **pastoral and missionary formation** of Orthodox communities in the U.S.