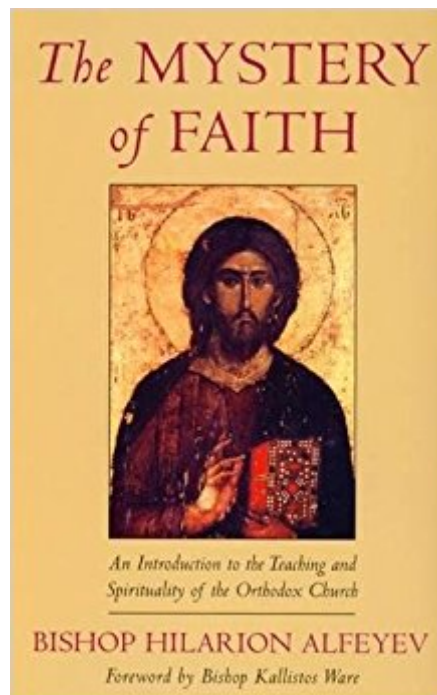




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# The Mystery Of Faith: An Introduction To The Teaching And Spirituality Of The Orthodox Church



## Synopsis

A personal commentary on the teaching of the Orthodox Church, its historical development and its relationship to the spiritual life.

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I just started to read it and am loving it. The book came in very promptly is very good condition. There was a small but noticable nick on the top part of the front cover but all in all and excilent purchase. Met. Hilarion Alfeyev is becomming an authority on Orthodox Christian teaching and spirituality and this book (as far as I have read) only deepens the pool of wisdom for 21st century Christians. God bless.

Great as a catechism guide for converts into the Orthodox Church

I am so enjoying this book. I ordered it for a class I am taking, but find it very interesting reading as well.

This book is perhaps the best introduction to Orthodox spirituality that I have read in the past 5 years. I have had the privilege to read many books on this subject to insure that they are within the mind of the Orthodox Church (for our parish bookstore) and this one did not let me down. It is a must read for those who are interested in learning more about what Eastern Orthodoxy is about,

and for those who are Orthodox that are looking to gain a clearer understanding of their own faith.  
5 stars from me!

I purchased this awhile back and found it to be one of the best books available on the Orthodox Faith. Metropolitan Hilarion writes in such a way that the book is a very pleasant read-it is informative without being too technical. He covers all the basics, and as another reviewer mentioned, his work is reminiscent of those by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware (with whom Metropolitan Hilarion studied at Oxford). This work should be a must read for Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike.

This book is a fantastic explanation of Orthodox Christianity. An easy to understand book thoughtfully written by an outstanding modern day Orthodox theologian. I noticed today that the book is available from independent dealers wanting huge amounts of money for the book - new or used. Don't do that. This book is now available through the St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. It's only \$28. Here's the link:[...]

This is a competent and clear introduction to Orthodox Christianity. Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev provides a good summary of contemporary traditional orthodox theology and practice, based firmly on the 'neo-patristic synthesis' of Florovsky and Lossky. The format of this book is very similar to that of 'The Orthodox Way' by Kallistos Ware, with a treatment focussing on the spiritual side of theology and incorporating quotations from patristic writings. But Alfeyev's approach is a bit more rational and less mystical than Ware's and lacks some of his warmth. I found 'The Orthodox Way' to be a more attractive and winsome version of this kind of book.

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