

# DISCOVERING ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

Lesson #7

## **The House of God: Architecture, Vestments, and Religious Articles**

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### Discussion Questions

1. Orthodox Church architecture is distinct. What are its basic features?

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2. Discuss the various parts of an Orthodox church and their meaning -- such as the narthex, altar, nave, dome, and Platytera?

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3. When a church is constructed, what are the "rules" that an architect must follow?

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4. Discuss the vestments that priests and bishops wear as well as their significance and history?

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5. Discuss the Church's unique and ornate religious items. Why are articles, such as the Bible, censor, and chalice so beautifully adorned?

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6. The term "House of God" is used very often. What is our responsibility toward it?

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