

Beth Mardutho: The Syriac Institute, is pleased to announce a scholarship raffle for students enrolling in its 2016 language courses for Syriac or Christian Arabic. The scholarship will cover the cost of registration fees, which are valued at \$875.

Eligible courses include:

Syriac I: Introduction to Syriac (July 25 - August 12, 2016; 9:00 AM - noon). Instructor: George A. Kiraz
Students with no prior experience in Syriac will learn introductory reading, writing, grammar, and should be able to translate introductory texts including passages from the Syriac Peshitta Bible by the end of the course with the help of a dictionary.

During the first week of the course, the students learn the alphabet and basic reading, as well as gender (masculine & feminine) and number (singular & plural). The second week introduces verbs as well as prefixes and suffixes after which the student will be able to analyze texts. The last week and half of the course is spent on reading and comprehension including the translation of basic texts and texts from the Peshitta Bible. The course includes team translation activities. A hybrid method of teaching will be used drawing from both traditional reading/writing and immersion (conversational) models. Classes will be held Mon-Friday, 3 hours per day. Students are expected to spend the rest of the day doing homework and preparing for the next day's lesson.

Syriac II: Intermediate-Advanced Syriac (July 25 - August 12, 2016; 2-5 PM). Instructor: George A. Kiraz
This course is geared towards students who have already done Syriac and would like to dig deeper into the grammar and nuances of the language.

Each day we read texts and go through the grammar of Coakley-Robinson, translating from Syriac to English as well as from English to Syriac. The Syriac texts that we translate differ from year to year; the instructor sets the text for the first week, but for the rest of the course students pick the texts that are of interest to the group, giving them the chance to read material and genres that are of special interest to them.

Students will be exposed to West Syriac, East Syriac, and Estrangela texts in addition to reading manuscripts. The Beth Mardutho library, one of the largest private libraries in the world on Syriac material, is at the disposal of the class and can be used to answer even the toughest questions. Classes will be held Mon-Friday, 3 hours per day. Students are expected to spend the rest of the day doing homework and preparing for the next day's lesson.

Christian Arabic (July 11-22, 2016, 9 AM - 1 PM). Instructor: Alexander (Sasha) Treiger

The course will introduce students to Christian literature in Arabic written from the eighth century to the present. Students attending this course must be able to read Modern Standard Arabic and Classical Arabic.

The readings will cover select genres of Christian literature in Arabic: biblical and patristic translations, apologetic and polemical literature, lives of the saints, and world chronicles. Select texts will be read in printed editions (whenever available) and in manuscripts. Additionally, the course will offer a general survey of Middle Eastern Christianity, its ecclesiastical, ethnic, and linguistic divisions, and Christian Arabic Studies as a field of research.

All students who enroll will be automatically entered to win the scholarship.

To see more information, or to register:

<http://bethmardutho.org/index.php/summer-language-courses.html>.