Trinity – Spring 2013
Dr. Kelly

Content of the Course: We study the doctrine of the Holy Trinity exegetically, historically and theologically. In addition to its biblical basis and theological rationale, attention will be given to philosophical, cultural and pastoral implications of it.

Structure of the Course: The course involves lectures and some class discussions.

Requirements of the Course:

(1) Required Text: Douglas F. Kelly, Systematic Theology, Vol. I: The God Who Is: The Holy Trinity. Read: Chapters 4, 5 and 7-9, as well as other sections to be assigned in class.

(2) Essay: 7 to 9 pages, due at the beginning of class on April 3.

Choose one of the following topics for your essay:
- Trinity and the Old Testament
- Trinity in the Gospels
- Trinity in the writings of Paul
- Trinity in the Book of Revelation
- The Holy Spirit in Athanasius’ Letters to Serapion
- The Deity of Christ in Athanasius’ Contra Arianos
- Trinity in the Epistles of Gregory Nazianzus
- Trinity in St. Hilary’s De Trinitate
- Basil the Great on the Holy Spirit
- Trinity in Catechetical Lectures of Cyril of Jerusalem
- Full Equality of the Son and the Spirit according to Epiphanius’ Panarion
- The Holy Spirit as ‘the bond of charity’ in St. Augustine’s De Triunitate
- Trinity in Richard of St. Victor (if you know Latin or French)
- Trinity in John Calvin
- The Holy Spirit and Missions (make particular reference to chapter 16 of Andrew Murray’s The Spirit of Christ)
- Trinitarian versus Unitarian Worship
- Trinitarian spirituality and Campus Ministry

(3) Final Exam to be taken during exam week based on lectures and discussions from class.