

# **Introduction to the Canon**

## **Scriptures within Tradition**

To say the same things is no trouble for us and safe for you.

Read Scripture within tradition. Scripture is the crown jewel of tradition and a crown jewel is diminished if taken out of its setting.

I often say one cannot understand the whole Orthodoxy without understanding the parts, but also one cannot understand the parts without understanding the whole. So how do we begin? Immersion.

We are formed in the womb of the Virgin Mother: the Church

## **We will allow room for you to apply the Canon of Repentance and the Scriptures to your life.**

If there only existed a single sense for the words of Scripture, then the first commentator who came along would discover it, and other hearers would experience neither the labor of searching, nor the joy of finding. Rather each word of our Lord has its own form, and each form has its own members, and each member has its own character. Each individual understands according to his capacity and interprets as it is granted him.

St Ephrem Commentary on the Diatessaron 7.22 103

## **Goal**

(O9.2/191) Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I have put before thee, my soul, Moses' account of the creation of the world (Genesis 1-2), and after that all the recognized Scriptures that tell thee the story of the righteous and the wicked. But thou, my soul, hast followed the second of these, not the first, and hast sinned against God.