GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2009
Instructor: Ralph Del Colle
Course #: THEO 316
Course Title: Soteriology: The Redemption

Content:
The course will examine the doctrine of redemption, i.e., the work of Christ, with a concentration on the theology of atonement, its classical representations (Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant), and contemporary critiques. The broader framework of salvation (along with trinity, Christology and pneumatology) will be examined in order to assess the current disputes over atonement and the viability of representing salvation focused around the early Christian credo that “Christ died for our sins.”

Format:
The class time will be divided between lecture and discussion with portions of each session being devoted to student reports on the assigned reading as well as specified discussion seminars with prepared short papers.

Assignments and/or Examinations:
- In addition to class participation and presentations (responsibility for assigned reading includes a short review synopsis and leadership of class discussion) a 20 page term paper is required.

Language Pre-requisites:
- It is expected that students will utilize their respective area language requirements in research.

Required Texts:
- TBA