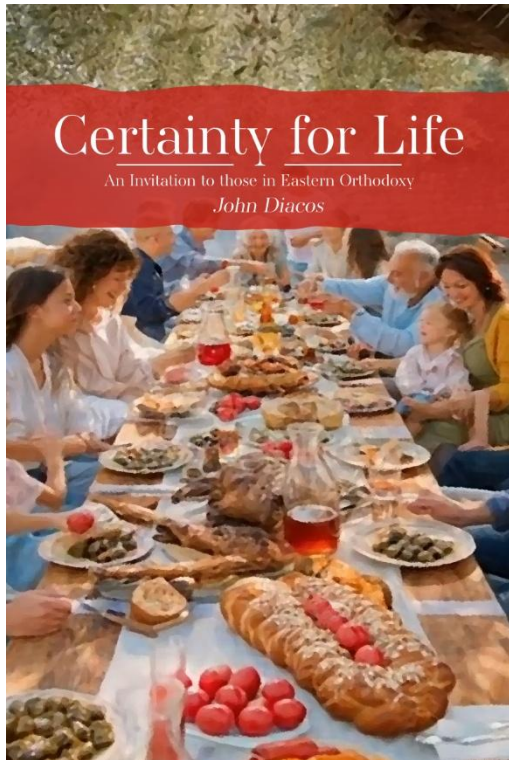




Certainty for Life

An Invitation to those in Eastern Orthodoxy

Certainty for Life: An Invitation to those in Eastern Orthodoxy is a compelling exploration of faith, assurance, and the search for peace with God, written especially for those from an Eastern Orthodox background. Drawing on personal stories, biblical teaching, and the wisdom of early Church Fathers, the book addresses the deep longing for certainty that many experience in their spiritual lives.

The author begins by sharing his own journey—growing up immersed in Orthodox tradition yet lacking confidence in his relationship with God. He describes the universal human desire for certainty, not only in daily life and relationships but especially in matters of faith and eternity. The book systematically examines

why so many feel distant from God, the limitations of relying on tradition, good works, or religious rituals for assurance, and the futility of trying to earn God's favour through self-effort.

Central to the book is the message that true certainty comes not from human achievement, but from God's initiative in seeking and saving people through Jesus Christ. The author explains the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection, showing how these events provide a solid foundation for forgiveness, peace, and eternal life. Through clear explanations and practical guidance, readers are invited to respond personally to God's offer of grace, to experience transformation, and to live with confidence in God's promises.

With sections addressing common questions about tradition, authority, justice, and the role of good works, as well as real-life testimonies of changed lives, *Certainty for Life* is both an invitation and a roadmap for anyone seeking assurance of God's love and acceptance. It is a resource for personal reflection, group study, or for sharing with friends and family who long for spiritual certainty.

Endorsements:

"*Certainty for Life* is a book which I hope will—by the grace of God—make a profound and far-reaching impact. It is a book to both buy, read and then give prayerfully away.

Diacos has produced an excellent resource for the church and coupled with his apologetic material which helps people to further engage with people from an Orthodox background with the truth of the Gospel, *Certainty for Life* comes highly recommended."

Mark Powell
Australian Presbyterian
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"John Diacos has penned this easy-to-read book, with profound theological truths, from a loving pastoral heart. I warmly recommend this volume for all people from an Orthodox background, especially those who wish to deepen their understanding of the central truths of the Christian faith and thus be encouraged to pursue with certainty how to behold and experience God's eternal favour.

John has an extensive understanding the Bible, the writing of the Church Fathers, together with Christian and cultural traditions. He has also studied theology and the original languages of the Bible and been a church leader for many decades. His expertise and experience, therefore, which is clearly evident in every chapter, makes this book a compelling read.

Certainty for Life is an excellent read, with real faith stories, logical chapter division and flow, which is firmly grounded in the holy scriptures. This well written book is a modern-day masterpiece that will benefit many people who are blessed to have access to it."

Zac Veron
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Bayside Anglican Church, Sydney

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Raised in a Greek Orthodox family, John Diacos writes from a heartfelt desire to share with others the assurance of peace with God. Along with his wife Elizabeth, they have raised five adult children and live in Melbourne, Australia. John currently works as a medical practitioner but still holds out hope of being called up to play for the Socceroos.

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