

St. George Church School Calendar

Little Angels (Must be 3 by Oct. 1); Pre-K (Must be 4 years old by Oct. 1) & Kindergarten (Must be in Kindergarten now). These classes meet from 11:00-12:30 and will be brought into Church for Communion.

First-Tenth Grades— Must be in Church by 10:15 to attend the Liturgy and to listen to Fr. Peter when he talks to them. After Communion they will proceed to their classes until 12:30. Parents of children from the Little Angels Class to First Grade must pick-up them up at the classroom at 12:30.

September 26	First Day of Church School Orientation Session for all parents right after the Liturgy Junior Choir Begins from 12:30 to 1:15 in the Conference Room
October 17	Class Pictures
November 7-21	Thanksgiving Food Collection
November 20	Metropolitan Youth Choir Workshop and Concert (Children 9-18)
Nov. 28-Dec. 12	Angel Tree
December 19	Christmas Pageant
December 26	Church School Recess
February 6	Godparent's Sunday
March 6	Church School Cake Sale
March 7	Great Lent Begins
March 13	Sunday of Orthodoxy-Procession of Icons
March 20	Parish Oratorical Festival (Grades 7-12 & Grades 5 & 6)
March 26	Church School Retreat
April 3	Oratorical Festival for Pre-Kindergarten to Fourth Grade Students
April 22	Good Friday Afternoon Service (Girls in Grades 1-4 can be a <i>Myrofora</i>)
April 24	Pascha-No Classes
April 29-May 1	Church Festival-No Classes
June 12	Church School Graduation

Support-A-Mission Priest (SAP)—The students are asked to make a nominal weekly donation. A \$50. monthly contribution is made to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) to support priests who serve in foreign missions throughout the world.

Snacks—The children have a snack of cookies and milk or juice prior to going to class. Parents are asked to assist in supplying juice, milk and snacks. A sign-up sheet is posted near the kitchen in the lower hall. As some of our students are allergic to peanuts, please do not purchase cookies made with nut products.

Attendance and Excuse Notices—Perfect attendance pins are awarded to children who have no more than 2 absences. Excellent attendance certificates are awarded for no more than 5 absences.

Registration Fee—\$30.00 per family, covers the cost of books and other school supplies.

Church School Curriculum

Little Angels: These 3 year old children learn about Jesus and the Church by coloring and hearing simple Bible stories.

Pre-Kindergarten: God Loves Us: Love, which children so freely give and so naturally expect, is the basis for our program. Some themes that we explore are: Creation (God Made Everything), going to Church, Holidays, Baptism, and Bible stories. The children explore these areas through stories, games, songs, crafts, role playing and our "mystery box".

Kindergarten: The Beginners Bible: Easily written Bible stories with color pictures on each page which tie in with art projects. Lessons also include the "Greek Orthodox Church", prayer, and other church holidays.

First Grade: Me And My World: The focus of this book is on Creation as God's gift. The child discovers that all things, family, friends, and church school comes from God. Faith in God is expressed through prayer, worship services and thanksgiving. The children also role-play some of the Sacraments. A songbook is also available to accompany the hymns and songs.

Second Grade: Loving God: Through the example of men and women from the Bible, and of our saints, children begin to understand the difference between right, wrong, and forgiveness, as well as respecting other people and taking care of the environment. The children are encouraged to bring icons from home to share with the class. Fasting is also discussed, as well as the Sacrament of Confession, which this class will participate in for the first time. A songbook is available for this class also.

Third Grade: Sharing God's World: Children learn about sharing through the examples of Jesus. They also learn about other Saints, the Liturgy, the Sacraments, and other services. Emphasis will also be given on the Sacrament of Confession and "For Those Who Enter With Faith". A tape with hymns and songs accompanies this book.

Fourth Grade: Growing With God: This book is devoted to helping children use and appreciate the Bible. It also introduces examples of living a sacramental life, attending services, fasting, praying, observing feast days and about the Church of Christ. Hymns and songs should be used along with this book too.

Fifth Grade: God Calls Us: This book concentrates on the heroes of the Faith who responded to God's call. Through these examples of self-sacrifice, faith, loyalty, love, and justice, the children are taught about personal faith and Christian morality. This book also has hymns and songs appropriate for this age.

Sixth Grade: Parables of Our Lord Stories of the Parables with discussion questions. Lives of the Saints & Major Feast Days This book has brief biographies of over 100 saints and stories of major feast days.

Seventh & Eighth Grades: Worship in the Orthodox Church A study of the Orthodox faith, including Introduction to the Divine Liturgy; Roots of Orthodoxy; What is important - our lives in the Church, the Church Calendar (Major Feast Days and Name Days. We also work with the Oratorical Festival topics and offer help and assistance with the research and writing process.

Ninth & Tenth Grades: Various materials and lessons are incorporated into the class so that the students are actively involved in the discussions which follow.

In addition to our regular lessons the students learn about helping others through our various outreach programs. They are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy faithfully and to participate in the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. They look forward to participating in the annual Christmas Pageant. The Oratorical Festival gives the students the opportunity to learn about their faith as they write a speech and present it to the congregation. The Family Retreat invites the entire family to spend the day together at the Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS
2010-2011

Little Angels

Traci Sakellakis
Andreas Dimitratos
Tricia Donohue

Pre-Kindergarten

Kathy Fitzpatrick
Anna Kourkoulakos
Sofia Lignos
Kathy Mitas

Kindergarten

Anthi D'Armiento
Gina Pramagioulis
Penny Antoniou

First Grade

Konstantina Papadakos
Stacey Mentzelopoulou
Stephanie Panagakis

Second Grade

Chris Pandazis
Sandy Antoniou

Third Grade

Kathy Donohue
Athena Patrikios

Fourth Grade

Effie Standler
Cathy Frangos Hanna

Fifth Grade

Angela Delaney
Anita Poulos
Virginia Poulos

Sixth Grade

Darla Matsakis
Presvytera Gigi Souritzidis

Seventh & Eighth Grades

George & Rosemary Stathis

Ninth & Tenth Grades

Manny Tzavlakis
Tina Anastos
Artie Souritzidis
Danny Souritzidis
Melissa Pepe
Jennifer Gagis

Co-Directors

Presvytera Margaret
Barbara Pepe

Substitutes/ Special Projects

Alexandra Argiris
Suzanne Bauer
Nick Janulis
Sandra Kleiner
Dominick Pepe
Catherine Youlios

Junior Choir

Diana Pitsikoulis

Snacks

Nikki Astipalitis

St. George Church School Year In Review 2010-2011



