

Greek Archdiocese Curriculum & Other Approved Orthodox Teaching Materials

1. *The following titles are published by the Greek Archdiocese or by one of our sister jurisdictions, and thus Orthodox.*
2. *There are many Orthodox resources online. Refer to the Fall 2008 Newsletter.*
3. *If you still need Orthodox reference and resource material, please contact me.*

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Pre-School 2-year-olds

“Beginning to Know Jesus, His Church and Special People from the Old Testament” by Heather Dukakis Nicolozakes. Phyllis Meshel Onest served as Technical Editor. Original 2-year-old Curriculum. *Pilot Program available from Pittsburgh Metropolis*

Pre-School 3-year-olds

“God Loves Us” Preschool Teacher’s Kit (\$27.00) Notebook for the teacher.
“Reaching for Jesus”

For a Preschool class with a combined instead of a single age of 3-year-olds, alternate between ***“God Loves Us”*** Preschool Teacher’s Kit can be alternated with ***“What We See and Do in Church.”***

For a Preschool class of 4-year-olds or if the parish offers a Preschool for 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds not ready for public school, use ***“What We See and Do in Church”*** or ***“Happy with God.”***

Kindergarten

- ✘ ***“Happy with God”*** Students in this class are also in Kindergarten in public school. This will be important for reading levels in upper grades.
- ✘ Depending on how a parish has grouped students to form classes, ***“Happy with God”*** may have been already been used.
- ✘ ***“Together with God”*** from the *Orthodox Christian Education Commission* (a SCOBA agency) recently reprinted the Kindergarten Student Manual in color and with updated pictures. This is a viable substitute.

Grade 1 ***“Me and My World”*** Alternate texts if classes are combined.
Grade 2 ***“Loving God”***

Grade 3 ***“Sharing God’s World”*** Alternate texts if classes are combined.
Grade 4 ***“Growing with God”***

Grade 5 ***“God Calls Us”*** Alternate texts if classes are combined

**Grade 6 or
Middle
School** **Four-book series – “Serving in God’s World”**
1. ***Honesty***
2. ***Stewardship***
3. ***Facing Up to Peer Pressure***
4. ***Stewardship: Serving in God’s World***

Middle School

“The Scribe: Searching for Jesus Christ in the Old Testament”

Pupil’s Text & Teacher’s Manual available online. Download at no charge.

Grades 7-8

Alternate between

1. Lessons on the **Divine Liturgy & Church Architecture** are online at *Orthodox Christian Sunday School Lessons*
<http://www.synaxis.org/catechist/index.htm>
2. **Parables of the Lord** can be used when the Gospel matches one of the parables in the book
3. **8 Middle School Curriculum Units developed by the OCEC** – Orthodox Christian Education Commission
 1. ***The Earth is the Lord’s: Caring for God’s Creation***
 2. ***The First 800 Years***
 3. ***God is Calling You!***
 4. ***My Body, My Spirit***
 5. ***To Teach All Nations***
 6. ***What’s Love Got to Do with It? Everything!***
 7. ***What Would You Do? Ethics Unit***
 8. ***The Work of Salvation***

Grades 9-12

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1. ***Rejoicing in One Lord, Jesus Christ***
2. “Zine” - ***For To Us a Child is Born*** – Student & Teacher guide
3. “Zine” - ***Journey Through Holy Week*** - Student & Teacher guide
4. “Zine” - ***Heaven of Earth: The Divine Liturgy***” - Student & Teacher guide
5. “Zine” - ***Of Your Mystical Supper: The Eucharist***”- Student & Teacher guide

OCEC – Orthodox Christian Education Commission

6. ***The Way The Truth The Life*** (Everything one should know after the 8th grade.) published by the OCEC
7. **6 High School Curriculum Units developed by the**
 - a. ***The Earth is the Lord’s***
 - b. ***Getting along with Parents***
 - c. ***God is Calling You!***
 - d. ***International Orthodoxy***
 - e. ***Reaching Out: Our Call to Minister***
 - f. ***What’s Love Got to Do with It? Everything!***

Multiple-Age-Level Teaching Units

1. **Learning Opportunities for Middle School & High School Summary & Guide Sheet**
Antiochian Archdiocese
<http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation> scroll down to curriculum (Revised 5/1/08)
2. ***The Focus Units***
Department of Christian Education, Orthodox Church in America
<http://dce.oca.org/Index.asp>