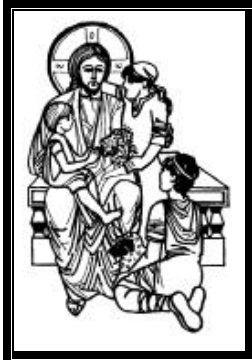


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ADULT EDUCATION / ENRICHMENT GROUPS

What makes for a successful Adult Study Group? From my experience, I have learned the following:

1. Study groups work especially well when there is a Leader's Guide and/or Participants' Study Guide. The following texts offer either a
 - a. Study Guide or Reflection Questions at the end of each chapter or within the text, or
 - b. Reflection Questions have been written for each session. Books can be ordered from Light & Life, DRE-GOA, Conciliar Press, or Seminary Bookstores.
2. A **“Kick-Off” Event** is a superb way to begin an Adult Education/Enrichment Series. Fr. Dan Swires of St. Nicholas (OCA) Orthodox Church / Mogadore, OH adapted an existing weekend ("Antioch Day Retreat") to a one-day retreat. I have subsequently reworked it and can provide it to those who are interested.
3. Before beginning what I call the **“Theosis Series”** (Numbers 1,2 & 3 below), it is important that the group begins with a basic book on the Orthodox Faith so that they are on somewhat of a common ground regarding the Faith before the group continues with the Core Study - #1,2,3. Once the group completes the core study, it continues with selections from studies # 4-10.
4. In addition, individuals are willing to make a commitment to a **6-8-10 week study** more easily than an ongoing program, and need a break during the holidays.
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The book, Leader's Guide and Participants Study Guide are available from Light & Life Publishing.
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? I can provide the Leader's Guide, the Study Guides and the booklet.
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- ✘ **DRE-GOA – Department of Religious Education:** 50 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445-741 5 800-566-1088 or 617-850-1218/ FAX 617-850-1489 / Email religioused@goarch.org / <http://www.religioused.goarch.org>
- ✘ **Holy Cross Seminary Bookstore :** 50 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445 / 800-245-0599 or 617-850-1230 FAX 617-850-1430 / Email hcbks@hchc / <http://www.hchc.edu/bookstore>
- ✘ **Light & Life Publishing Co.:** 4808 Park Glen Rd., Minneapolis, MN 55416 / 952-925-3888 / FAX 888-925-3918 / Email info@light-n-life.com / <http://www.light-n-life.com>
- ✘ **OCEC:** PO Box 1051, Syracuse, NY 13201-1051 / 800-464-2744 or 315-428-1566 / FAX: 315-422-1893 Email ocecsales@orthodoxed.org / <http://www.orthodoxed.org>
- ✘ **OCPC:** PO Box 588, Wayne, NJ 07474-0588 / 973-331-9101 / FAX 973-331-9502 http://www.oca.org/pages/min_orgs/units/ocpc.2002sales.html
- ✘ **Paidea Classics:** 6735 Doolittle Dr. Edwards, CA 93523 / Email info@paideaclassics.org / <http://paideaclassics.org>
- ✘ **St. Ignatius of Antioch Press:** 442 St. Charles St. Lima, OH 45805-3365 / 419-222-2029 Email presbyter@juno.com / <http://home.surge.net/orthodox/stignatius/index.html>
- ✘ **St. Tikhon's Bookstore:** St. Tikhon's Rd. PO Box "B," S. Canaan, PA 18459-0130 / 888-454-6678 570-937-4390 / FAX 570-937-3100 / Email bookstore@stots.edu / <http://www.stots.edu/bookstore/htm>
- ✘ **SVS-St. Vladimir Seminary Bookstore :** 575 Scarsdale Road, Crestwood, NY 10707-1699 / 800-204-2665 FAX 914-961-5456 / Email svspress@svots.edu / <http://www.svspress.com>

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS READING LIST

These books can be purchased from Light & Life, DRE-GOA & OCPC.

1. **SOWING SEEDS FOR CHRIST** by Elaine Michaels & Mary Hallick is a practical guide for Church School teachers of all grade levels. It includes sample lessons, guidelines for classroom discipline, age characteristics and more. **EXCELLENT**
2. **FOUNDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** by John Boojamra is an analysis of Christian education practices and identification of the foundations of Orthodox Christian - education as “community,” “family” and “personhood.” **EXCELLENT**
3. **LITURGY AND LIFE: Christian Development Through Liturgical Experience** Fr. Alexander Schmemmann focuses on the link between education and worship.
4. **OUR CHURCH AND OUR CHILDREN** by Sophie Koulomzin, a classic on the education of children, integrates developmental knowledge with Orthodox education. **EXCELLENT.**
5. **CHILDREN IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH TODAY** Sister Magdalen discusses the rearing of children and religious education in and through the family. **EXCELLENT**
6. **CONVERSATIONS WITH CHILDREN** Sister Magdalen shares an extensive series of conversations with children for the benefit of parents, friends, catechists, priests and professional educators interested in communicating the Orthodox Faith to children. **EXCELLENT**
7. **THE INCARNATE GOD: THE FEASTS OF JESUS CHRIST & THE VIRGIN MARY, Vol. 1 & 2** Study of each feast day; Scripture, Icons, Hymns, quotes from the Church Fathers. **EXCELLENT**
8. **ORGANIZING and TEACHING IN A CHURCH SCHOOL: Guide for Priests and Teacher** by Fr. Thomas Kazich. Cost \$10; orders of 5 or more \$5.00 each. Order from **Little Falcons**, PO Box 371, Grayslake, IL 60030, 817-223-1300.
9. **THE ORTHODOX CHURCH 2nd Edition** by Bishop Kallistos (Timothy) Ware includes church history, theology, and current concerns. **An Orthodox Classic!**
10. **THE ORTHODOX FAITH: An Elementary Handbook on the Orthodox Church, 4 Volumes - Doctrine, Worship, Bible and Church History, Spirituality** by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Basics of the Faith. **EXCELLENT**
11. **THE ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE** contains useful and informative footnotes, articles, and reference materials that enhance our understanding of the Scriptures.
12. **THE ORTHODOX CHURCH: A WELL-KEPT SECRET** by Fr. George Nicozisin. An overview of basic Church History.
13. **PRAXIS Magazine** published by the Department of Religious Education **EXCELLENT**
14. **HELP! I'M A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** by Ray Johnson /Youth Specialties (Non-Orthodox; good ideas) 300 S. Pierce St. El Cajon, CA 92020 / 619-440-2333 / 619-440-8542 / YS@youthspecialties.com / <http://www.youthspecialties.com>

CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

ORGANIZING and TEACHING IN A CHURCH SCHOOL: Guide for Priests and Teacher by Fr. Thomas Kazich.
[See above]

BOOKS TO HELP THE DIRECTOR

Both publishing houses are non-Orthodox sources that offer great ideas. Check out local Christian Bookstores for these.

From **GROUP PUBLISHING** [p.3]

- **Why Nobody Learns Anything at Church and How to Fix It** by Thom & Joani Schultz
- **Children's Ministry Guide for Smaller Churches** by Rick Chromey
- **Sunday School Attendance Boosters**
- **Recruit & Nurture Volunteers for Children's Ministry**
- **Awesome Volunteers** by Christine Yount

From **GOSPEL LIGHT**, 1957 Eastman Ave., Ventura, CA 93003 / **800-4-GOSPEL** / www.gospellight.com

- **Sunday School Promo Pages** by Wes & Sheryl Haystead
- **Sunday School Smart Pages** by Wes & Sheryl Haystead

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CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

As a Church School Director I found it useful to provide each Teacher/Grade with a Notebook containing important information for teaching that particular grade. Each year I would collect and update the Notebook. When a teacher would change classes or “retire,” the Notebook was passed onto his/her replacement. The Director’s Notebook(s) contained the material for all grade levels. The following outline is offered as a suggestion. Comments and suggestions are always invited. *Phyllis Meshel Onest*

A. CURRENT YEAR

1. Staff Roster: Each Grade, Teacher's Name, Address, Phone Number, Cell Phone Number and Email address.
2. Class Roster: Students' Names, Parents' Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers, Birth dates and Email addresses, if they have one.
3. *Planning Calendar* for the Year listing the Sundays from beginning to the end of the Church School year, Feast Days, Triodion Sundays, Pascha, Special Events, Workshops, and Meetings. [Updated calendar is available each year at <http://www.phyllisonest.com>.]
4. The Roster of all Church School classes may be helpful in planning for the following year. [optional]

B. CURRICULUM AND RESOURCES

1. Listing of Texts for each grade used that year and for previous years.
2. List of Resources available to the Teachers, i.e. those assigned to each classroom or those available in the Church School Office.
3. Sample Lesson Plans.

C. AGE CHARACTERISTICS

1. Information on the Developmental Stage, Concepts that can be taught, and Teaching Methods that work best for that age group. [See *Our Church and Our Children* by Sophie Koulomzin, which has been reprinted by SVS in 2004.]
2. Magazine (such as *Children's Ministry*) or Newspaper Articles related to teaching that age group. [opt.]
3. The Stages of Faith and Family Skills & Application /OCEC. [Last 2 pages of the Yellow Pages is an excellent synopsis.]

D. REFERENCE MATERIALS

1. Information sheets on the Parish's
 - [a] Feast
 - [b] Identification of Icons on the icon screen and the walls
 - [c] Stain Glass Window layout and identification
 - [d] Troparion [English and Greek where applicable]
2. Other handouts about the Orthodox Church that are informative or educational.
3. Copies of the Metropolitan Director's Newsletters.
4. Workshop Handouts.
5. *A Timeline of the Church History* pamphlet from Conciliar Press.

E. Current year's "**YELLOW PAGES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**" by Phyllis Meshel Onest

F. **A complete set of the FEAST DAY TRACT MASTERS #5**

G. **MEETING MINUTES and HANDOUTS Teachers add to this section during the school year.**

1. Parish Bulletin Articles related to the Church School
2. Flyers for Church School Events

H. **COME BLESS THE LORD Icon Packet, with all icons** kept in the folder or preferably, placed in plastic windows and kept in a separate notebook.

FEAST DAY RESOURCES

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. *The Festal Menaion* translated by Mother Maria and Bishop Kallistos Ware / seminary bookstores
2. *Festival Icons for the Christian Year* by John Baggley / SVS, DRE-GOA
3. *Great Lent* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann / DRE-GOA, Light & Life
4. *The Incarnate God: The Feasts of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary* / SVS Press
5. *The Living God: a Catechism, Vol. 1 & 2*, / SVS Press
6. *The Orthodox Faith Series: Volume on Worship* by Fr. Thomas Hopko / OCEC, DRE-GOA, Light & Life
7. *The Year of Grace of the Lord* by a Monk of the Eastern Church; guide to the liturgical year / LL, DRE-GOA
8. *A Year of the Lord Bible Study, Vol. 1-5*, by Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos / DRE-GOA
9. *A Way of Life: Introducing Your Child to the Orthodox Faith* by Ann Marie Gidus-Mecera/ DRE-GOA, LL, OCEC
10. *Praying with Icons* by Jim Forest / Light& Life
11. *How to Pray with Icons: an Activity Book for Children* by M. Tataryn / Light & Life, DRE-GOA

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

1. *Come Bless the Lord Icon Packet* contains 40 color icons (8½" x 11") plus a companion booklet. LL, DRE-GOA, OCEC
2. *The Teaching Pictures* Four sets of 80 color photographs. *The Feast Day and Special Services (Set B)* Lesson Plans on the back side with suggestions for integrating into a lesson. / OCEC & DRE-GOA
3. *Celebration: Feasts and Holy Days* / OCEC Pupil and Teacher10 (Teen textbook), DRE-GOA
4. *The Biggest Birthday Party* (Advent) by John Boojamra / Light & Life, OCEC, DRE-GOA
5. *Feast Day Tract Master Set #5* Hymns of the day, Scripture references, background information and family activities. You may make as many copies as you want. / DRE-GOA, OCPC
6. *Icons of the Major Feast Days* (3.5"x5") coated; laminated; discounts for multiple orders /DRE-GOA
7. *The Lenten Workbook* / OCEC, DRE-GOA
8. *Praise the Lord Christmas Workbook* / OCEC, DRE-GOA
9. *Weekly Sunday Bulletins* by Vestal Publishing

CD-ROM: *The Royal Road: A Journey through Great Lent* / DRE-GOA

WEBSITES:

Antiochian Archdiocese - <http://www.antiochian.org>

www.monachos.net/great_lent

Greek Archdiocese - <http://www.goarch.org>

www.oca.org/focusededucation/index.html

Orthodox Church in America - <http://www.oca.org>

CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

1. *The Baptism of Our Lord* by Euphemia Briere \$6.99 / DRE-GOA & Holy Cross \$6.00 [ages 7-10]
2. *BYZANTINE COLORING BOOKS: Feast Days* \$3.95 /Conciliar Press- part of a set of 3 for \$9.95
3. *Holy Nativity of Our Lord* by Euphemia Briere \$6.99 / DRE-GOA \$6.50 / SVS & Holy Cross \$6.00 [ages 7-10]
4. *How to Pray with Icons: An Activity Book for Children* by M. Tataryn \$7.95 / DRE-GOA, Conciliar Press
5. *Icon Book* by Fr. John Matusiak \$8.95 / OCEC \$6.00 / DRE-GOA \$7.00
6. *Icon Coloring Book The Nativity* \$4.99 / DRE-GOA, OCEC \$5.00 [ages 6-10]
7. *Icon Coloring Book Journey to Pascha* \$4.99 / DRE-GOA, OCEC \$5.00 [ages 6-10]
8. *Jesus is Born* by Sergei Clare Anatolios \$7.95
9. *Lives of the Saints and Major Feast Days* by Fr. George Poulos \$9.95 / DRE-GOA: \$6.00
10. *The Twelve Great Feast Days for Young People* by Bishop Lazar Puhalo \$7.95 / DRE-GOA
11. *What You Should Know About Holy Week in the Orthodox Church* (Scriptographic; for older children; out of print)
The Adventures of Spero, the Orthodox Church Mouse [ages 4-7]
12. *Spero Learns of Palm Sunday and Jesus' Love* by Jane Fontana / DRE-GOA \$11.95
13. *The Nativity of Our Lord - Christ's Birth* by Jane Fontana \$11.95 / DRE-GOA \$7.95
The Twelve Great Feasts For Children Series from Conciliar Press
14. *The Meeting of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne \$5.95 / Conciliar Press
15. *The Nativity of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne \$5.95 / Conciliar Press & DRE-GOA
16. *The Theophany of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne \$5.95 / Conciliar Press & DRE-GOA
17. *The Annunciation* by Sister Elayne / Conciliar Press & DRE-GOA \$5.95
18. *The Nativity of the Theotokos* by Sister Elayne / Conciliar Press \$5.95 & DRE-GOA
19. *The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple* by Sister Elayne / Conciliar Press \$5.95
20. *Feast of Pentecost* by Sister Elayne / Conciliar Press \$5.95 **NEW**
21. *The Ascension of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne / Conciliar Press \$5.95 **NEW**
22. *The Transfiguration of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne / Conciliar Press \$5.95 **NEW**

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GREAT LESSONS NEED THESE...!

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. *The Orthodox Study Bible* – a wealth of information in the footnotes and articles.
2. *The Orthodox Faith Series* by Fr. Thomas Hopko is a four-volume set (*Doctrine, Worship, Bible and Church History, Spirituality*) of the basics of the Orthodox Faith. Suggest one set per classroom. OCEC, DRE-GOA, Light & Life, OCPC
3. *Sowing Seeds for Christ* by Mary Hallick & Elaine Michaels contains a description of various teaching methods, age characteristics, model lesson plans and guidelines for discipline and communication. Suggest one per teacher. DRE-GOA, Light & Life
4. *The Year of Grace of the Lord* by a Monk of the Eastern Church explains the Sunday and Feast Day Scripture readings. Suggest one per classroom. Light & Life, DRE-GOA
5. *A Dictionary of Greek Orthodoxy* by Fr. Nicon Patrinos. Suggest one per class. DRE-GOA, Light & Life
6. *Feast Day Tract Master Set #5* published by the Orthodox Christian Publications Center offers a leaflet for each of the Major 12 Feasts plus Pascha. The format includes the hymns of the day, Scripture references, and background information and family activities. You may make as many copies as you want. Each teacher should have a set for reference and classroom use. Suggest one photocopied set per teacher. DRE-GOA, OCPC
7. *The Orthodox Church: A Well-Kept Secret* by Fr. George Nicozisin. A brief overview of Church History examining major doctrinal issues. DRE-GOA, Light & Life
8. *The Prologue of Ochrid*, a 4-Volume collection of lives of Saints by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich. Also available online at <http://www.westsrbdio.org/prolog/prolog.htm>
9. *God is With Us: Critical Issues in Christian Living and Faith* by Fr. John Breck deals with a variety of issues in short, easy-to-read chapters. Suggest one per teacher in grades 5-12.
10. *PRAXIS Magazine* published by the DRE-GOA offers ongoing education and spiritual development for all adults. Suggest one per teacher.
11. <http://www.abbamoses> provides the following week's saints each Friday afternoon in time for the Church School teacher to download and review before Sunday's lesson. John Brady integrates several Orthodox sources to provide us with a user-friendly reading. One can also **look up a saint's life by name** rather than by date as per the Prologue of Ochrid.

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

12. *Come Bless the Lord Icon Packet* 40 color icons (8.5" x 11") of the major Feast Days and popular saints with an explanation of each on the reverse side, plus a companion booklet with the same explanations. Each classroom should have a set. Light & Life, DRE-GOA, OCEC
13. *The Teaching Pictures* Four sets of 80 color photographs. Set A- The Sacraments; Set B - The Feast Day and Special Services; Set C - Great Lent and Pascha; and Set D - the Divine Liturgy. Indexed and cross-referenced. Lesson Plans and Suggestions for integrating their use into a lesson are provided. Suggest one per class. OCEC, DRE-GOA
14. *Little Falcons Magazine* [PO Box 371, Grayslake, IL 60030] 4 issues / \$15.00 Each issue focuses on one theme such as Incense, The Cross, etc. Back issues \$5.00 each. Filled with well written, informative and attractively arranged articles for children. Editor Fr. Thomas Kazich. For a modest price one can build an "Orthodox Children's Encyclopedia." Suggest a subscription for the Church School. If you have a small church school, the curriculum can be developed around the topics of this magazine.

JR & SR HIGH RESOURCES

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Many parishes combine 9th through 12th grade classes into a High School Class. Whether this is done because of the number of available students, or with the idea that AFTER eight years of catechetical training and the emphasis should shift to a practical application of the faith in one's life, it does not mean that didactic presentations have ended. We are required to CONTINUE presenting additional material to the high school student as needed

Objectives for Grades 9-12: High School Students should:

1. Take an active participatory role in the liturgical year, becoming knowledgeable of its details and conversant with such things as the Triodion, the Pentecostarion and the balance of the ecclesiastical cycle. They could sing in the choir, be readers, and be actively a part of the charitable activities (collect, deliver things, etc.), and assume a stewardship role in the life of the parish.
2. Know and understand the unique Orthodox aspects of a religious life.
3. Be able to apply the teachings of the faith to everyday life and situations (drugs, sex, abortion, creation, worship, etc.).
4. Know the meanings of the compiled Vocabulary in the Preschool – Grade 6 textbooks of the Greek Archdiocese Curriculum.

For this to happen, a High School program needs to:

1. Introduce our students to the issues and situations of the world.
2. Identify the unique Orthodox characteristics (monasticism, theology, worship, and role in the world, social issues).
3. Integrate Scripture, Church Fathers, Doctrine, Hymns, Icons, Church Services;
4. Present the Orthodox teaching and maintain the Orthodox Ethos.

The following 6 Units – [1] **Comparative Religions**, [2] **Eschatology**, [3] **Marriage & Family Life**, [4] **Modern Ethical Issues**, [5] **Service & Mission**, [6] **Spiritual Life** - can be rotated over the course of four years, and even returned to for another level of understanding. Other Units may also be developed. Within each unit are suggested Books, CD-ROM' and Videos resources. It is not an exhaustive list.

GENERAL RESOURCES

- ✘ The Archdiocese Website <http://www.goarch.org> has a section entitled *Our Faith* that has a variety of articles on a number of subjects. Be sure to check it out for each of the 6 sections.
- ✘ Conciliar Press Booklets {CP} offer a quick overview of a topic.
- ✘ *The Way, The Truth, The Light* is the newest textbook from the OCEC. Grades 8-12. **Excellent resource!**
- ✘ The **Greek Archdiocese Middle School/Teen Series** can be used with Jr. & Sr. High classes. Once used in the middle school grades, though, other options are needed for the upper grades.
- ✘ The **ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE** contains many articles and reference materials, as well as footnotes.
- ✘ **THE BIBLE AND THE HOLY FATHERS** by Johanna Manley is the best resource for integrating the Church Fathers into a lesson..
 1. It contains the daily Epistle and Gospel readings with commentary by Church Fathers.
 2. The **Appendices** contain a **Concordance** and **Topical Index** that can be used as a cross-reference to find out which Church Fathers wrote on specific verses or topics. **Especially useful in conjunction with non-Orthodox and Orthodox materials that include Bible verses.** As Orthodox Christians of true faith, we look to the Fathers for wisdom and guidance.
- ✘ The “**Talksheets**” series, available from Youth Specialties, is an excellent way to engage the students. Some of them would tie in with the topics below. More Youth Specialty resources are listed at the end of this section.

I. COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

1. *Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed*
2. *The Orthodox Handbook: Doctrine, Worship, Bible & Church History, and Spirituality 4 Volumes* by Fr. Thomas
3. *Introducing the Orthodox Church: Its Faith & Life* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris
4. *Orthodoxy: A Creed for Today* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris
5. *Sacred Tradition in the Orthodox Church* by Lazarus Moore
6. *The Orthodox Church* by Timothy (Bishop Kallistos) Ware
7. *The Orthodox Church: A Well-Kept Secret* by Fr. George Nicozisin
8. *Scripture & Tradition* by Raymond Zell [CP]

9. *Living God: A Catechism for the Christian Faith*, 2 volumes
10. *The Living God*, 2 volumes
11. *The Faith We Hold* by Archbishop Paul of Finland
12. *Dictionary of Greek Orthodoxy* by Fr. Nicon Patrinos
13. *Orthodox Christian Beliefs: Real Answers to Real Questions from Real People* by Fr. Stanley Harakas
14. *The Way of the Fathers* by Fr. John Chryssavgis
15. *The Orthodox Church: A Well-Kept Secret* by Fr. George Nicozisin
16. *What the Church Fathers Say... Vol 1 & 2* edited by George Grube
17. *What Orthodox Christians Believe* [CP]
18. *Festival Icons for the Christian Year* by John Baggley

OTHER CHRISTIANS

1. **Scriptographic booklets: Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed, Baptist, Evangelical**
2. *An Eastern Orthodox Response to Evangelical Claims* by Fr. Paul O'Callaghan
3. *Sola Scriptura* by Fr. John Whiteford [CP]
4. *Orthodoxy and Catholicism* by Fr. Theodore Pulcini
5. *Anglican-Orthodox Pilgrimage* by Franklin Billereck
6. *Broken, Yet Never Sundered* by Fr. Gregory Wingenbach
7. *A Timeline of Church History* leaflet
8. *Which Came First – The Church or the New Testament?* by Fr. James Bernstein [CP]
9. *Finding the New Testament Church* by Fr. Jon Braun [CP]

NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

1. **Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism**
2. *Cultist at My Door* by Fr. John Morris [CP]

II. ESCHATOLOGY

CULTS & NEW AGE RELIGIONS

1. *Cultist at My Door* by Fr. John Morris [CP]

THE END TIMES

1. *Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed*
2. **The Book of Revelation** by St. John the Evangelist- Refer to the *Orthodox Study Bible* articles & footnotes
3. Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed
4. *At the End of Time – the Eschatological Expectation of the Church* by Bishop Gerasimos
5. *Ultimate Times* by Dennis Engleman [CP]

HEAVEN & HELL & AN ORTHODOX UNDERSTANDING OF DEATH: Soul, Body, Mind

1. *Prayer and the Departed Saints* by Dr. David Ford [CP]
2. *Bodily Resurrection* by the Sisters of the Monastery of the Transfiguration [CP]
3. *On the Soul and Resurrection* by St. Gregory of Nyssa [4th] SVS Press
4. *Dealing with Grief* by Fr. Gordon Walker [CP]
5. Hymns of the Funeral Service
6. Hymns of the Memorial Services

THE SPIRIT WORLD: angels, demons, spirits

1. *Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed*
2. *Holy Angels* by Mother Alexandra
3. *Victory in the Unseen Warfare* by Fr. Jack Sparks
4. *Virtue in the Unseen Warfare* by Fr. Jack Sparks
5. *On Holy Angels* by Archbishop Lazar Puhalo
6. *Prayer and the Departed Saints* by Dr. David Ford [CP]
7. *The Orthodox Way* by Bishop Kallistos Ware
8. Feast of the Archangels – Hymns

III. MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

1. Greek Archdiocese's Marriage Website www.goarch.org/en/archdiocese/departments/marriage
2. *Guidelines for Marriage in the Orthodox Church* by Fr. Stanley Harakas
3. *Marriage, Sexuality and Celibacy: a Greek Orthodox Perspective* by Fr. Demetrios Constantelos
4. *Crown Them With Glory & Honor – CD-ROM* from the Dept. of Rel. Ed. GOA
5. *On Marriage and Family* by St. John Chrysostom SVS Press

6. *When You Intermarry* by Fr. Charles Joanides
 7. *Marriage as a Path to Holiness* by Drs. David and Mary Ford
 8. *Preserve Them O Lord: a Guide for Orthodox Couples in Developing Marital Unity* by Fr. John Mack
 9. *Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective* by Fr. John Meyendorff
 10. The Service of Matrimony
 11. *What's Love Got to Do With It? Everything!* By Fr. Michael Anderson
 12. *A Way of Life: Introducing Your Child to the Orthodox Faith* by Ann-Marie Gidus-Mecera
 13. *A Guide to the Domestic Church* by the Diocese of Newton
 14. *The Way It Really Is: Sex, Drugs, Violence, Parents & Church* Video
 15. *Guide to Greek Tradition & Customs in America* by Marilyn Rouvelas
 16. *Communion, A Family Affair* by Fr. James Bernstein [CP]
 17. *Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris
 18. *Put on Christ – Baptism & Chrismation CD-ROM* from the Dept. of Rel. Ed. GOA
 19. *Sexual Purity and Healthy Relationships* Video – GOA Youth Ministry
- Christian Lifestyle Tracts: [LL]**
21. *The Christian Father*
 22. *The Homosexual Christian*
 23. *The Married Life*
 24. *The Single Life*

DIVORCE & BLENDED FAMILIES

1. Canons on divorce and remarriage found in *The Rudder*
2. *Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective* by Fr. John Meyendorff
3. *When You Intermarry* by Fr. Charles Joanides

DUTIES OF AN ORTHODOX PARENT

1. *Children in the Church Today* by Sister Magdalen
2. *Family Life: Christian Family in Today's World* by Constance Tarasar
3. *Our Church and Our Children* by Sophie Koulomzin
4. “*Address on Vainglory & the Right Way for Parents to Bring up Their Children*” by St. John Chrysostom
5. *Communion – A Family Affair* by Fr. James Bernstein [CP]
6. *Walking in Wonder: Nurturing Orthodox Children Virtues in Your Children* by Elizabeth White; *New from Conciliar Press*
7. *Conversations with Children* by Sister Magdalen
8. *Raising Them Right* by St. Theophan the Recluse
9. *On the Upbringing of Children* by Bishop Irenaius

GODPARENTS & CELEBRATING NAMEDAYS

1. *Your Baby's Baptism in the Orthodox Church* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris
2. *Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris

IV. MODERN ETHICAL ISSUES

1. *What the Church Fathers Say About....* Vol. 1 & 2 edited by George Grube
 2. *Ethics After Christendom: Toward an Ecclesiastical Christian Ethic* by Vigen Gurorian
 3. *Substance Abuse: Our Kids Are Not Immune* Video – GOA Youth Ministry
- Books by Fr. Stanley Harakas**
4. *Toward a Transfigured Life* [especially chapter 2]
 5. *Living the Faith: The Praxis of Eastern Orthodox Ethics*
 6. *Health and Medicine in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition: Faith, Liturgy & Wholeness*
 7. *Contemporary Moral Issues*
 8. *The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions*

ADDICTION

1. Utilize the sections of the book ***Videos that Teach I & II*** books published by youth Specialties to identify contemporary films with the themes of addition and remorse. Ex. “When A Man Loves A Woman”

CREATION & EVOLUTION

1. St. Basil's *Hexameron [On the Six Days]*
2. ***Creationism Versus Evolution*** by Fr. George Nicozisin [a small blue booklet that is out of print, but in the Church School or Church Library]

3. **The Orthodox Idea of Creation** by John Boojamra, Ph.D., *The Word*, June 1999, pp.31-34, available on <http://www.phyllisonest.com> [Go to "Orthodox Theology."]
4. **Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed**
5. **Evidence of Things Not Seen: Orthodox and Modern Physics** by Archbishop Lazar Puhalo

ECOLOGY

1. **Beyond the Shattered Image: Insights into an Orthodox Ecological World View** by Fr. John Chryssavgis
2. **Ecology and Monasticism** by Archimandrite Vasileios
3. **Orthodoxy and Ecology Resource Book** published by Syndesmos
4. **The Earth is the Lord's: Caring for God's Creation** by Fr. Michael Anderson, Fr. John Matusiak, Barbara Kucynda, Dr. Constance Tarasar
5. Statements on the Environment by Patriarch Bartholomew. Go to the "Orthodox Church and the Environment" section of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Website <http://www.patriarchate.org>

GENETIC ENGINEERING

1. **Sacred Gift of Life: Orthodox Christianity & Bioethics** by John Breck
2. **God With Us: Critical Issues in Christian Life & Faith** by John Breck
3. Books by Fr. Harakas

SEXUALITY/HOMOSEXUALITY/ABSTINENCE

1. MISH: Medical Institute for Sexual Health [Non-Orthodox. Use selectively.]
2. **Sexual Purity and Healthy Relationships** Video – GOA Youth Ministry

Christian Lifestyle Tracts:

3. **The Homosexual Christian**
4. **Why Wait Until Marriage**

Scriptographic: [Non-Orthodox Use selectively.]

5. **Abstinence: Saying No to Sex**
6. **What Every Christian Should Know About Sexuality**

WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN? END?

1. **Sacred Gift of Life: Orthodox Christianity & Bioethics** by John Breck
2. **God With Us: Critical Issues in Christian Life & Faith** by John Breck
3. **The Orthodox View of Abortion** by Fr. John Kowalczyz
4. **Abortion: What Does the Church Teach?** [CP]
5. Christian Lifestyle Tracts: **On Controlling Conception**

V. SERVICE & MISSION

CAREERS & COLLEGE

1. **God is Calling You! Exploring God's Purpose for Your Life** by Fr. Michael Anderson DRE-GOA
2. **Reaching Our: Our Call to Ministry** by Fr. Michael Anderson

MISSIONS

1. **Missionaries, Monks and Martyrs: Making Disciples of all Nations** by Fr. Luke Veronis
2. **Go & Make Disciples of All Nations** video from OCMC
3. **Apostle of Zaire - The Life and Legacy of Blessed Fr. Cosmas of Grigoriates**
4. **Teach All Nations** by Fr. Michael Anderson DRE-GOA

STEWARDSHIP

1. **IOCC** – International Orthodox Christian Charities
2. **OCMC** - Orthodox Christian Mission Center
3. **OCPM** – Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry
4. **Tithing** by Fr. Richard Ballew [CP]
5. **Introductory Booklet 1: What is Christian Stewardship?** Published by OCPC [OCA]
6. **Introductory Booklet 1: What is Christian Stewardship?** Published by OCPC [OCA]

VI. SPIRITUAL LIFE

ASCETICISM & MONASTICISM

1. *Monk of Mt. Athos* by Archimandrite Sophrony
2. The Website of monasteries on Mt. Athos, St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, The Monastic Brotherhood of St. Theodore the Studite & many others

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE UNDER PERSECUTION – THE PAST & TODAY

1. Life in the Church until the Emperor Constantine.
2. Life in the Soviet Union before the fall of Communism
3. Current Events
4. *Fr. Arseny (1893-1973): Prisoner, Priest, Spiritual Father* translated by Vera Bouteneff **EXCELLENT**
5. The life of Mother Maria Skobtsova: Nun and Martyr [canonized in 2003 as St. Mary of Paris]
6. *Pearl of Great Price* by Fr. Serge Hackel [St. Mary of Paris]
7. A bibliography of works by and about Mother Maria compiled by Dr. Kris Groberg
<http://www.incommunion.org/mmbiblio.htm>
<http://www.incommunion.org/resources/skobtsova.asp>

MIRACLES

1. *Miracles: Orthodox Homilies on Miracles* by Augoutinos of Florina
2. In the Scripture
3. Lives of various Saints

PAIN, SUFFERING & LOSS

1. The Book of Job
2. *Wisdom Let Us Attend: Job, the Holy Fathers and the Old Testament* compiled by Johanna Manley.

PRAYER LIFE/SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. *The Orthodox Faith Series: Vol. IV Spirituality* by Fr. Thomas Hopko
2. *Introducing the Orthodox Church: Its Faith & Life* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris
3. Prayers from the Scriptures: ex. Psalm 50/51.
4. Study of the Doxology
5. *My Daily Orthodox Prayer Book* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris
6. *Renewed Day by Day: An Orthodox Prayer Workbook* by Fr. Alexander Goussetis
7. *The Way of the Pilgrim and the Pilgrim Continues on His Way*
8. *Building a Habit of Prayer* by Fr. Marc Dunaway [CP]
9. *Happy in the Lord: The Beatitudes for Everyday Living* by Fr. Tom and Dr. Kyriaki Fitzgerald
10. *The Ladder of the Beatitudes* by Jim Forest
11. *Ascending the Heights: A Layman's Guide to the Ladder of Divine Ascent* by Fr. John Mack
12. *The Art of Prayer: An Orthodox Anthology*
13. *Beginning to Pray* by Archbishop Anthony Bloom **EXCELLENT**
14. *Guide to the Spiritual Life* by an Athonite Monk [CP]
15. *The Jesus Prayer* by a Monk of the Eastern Church
16. *The Power of the Name* by Bishop Kallistos Ware **EXCELLENT**
17. *The Way of the Ascetics* by Tito Colliander **EXCELLENT**

REPENTANCE & CONFESSION

1. *The Lord's Prayer*
2. *Confession: The Healing Sacrament* by Jim Forest [CP]
3. *Confession: Doorway to Forgiveness* by Jim Forest
4. *If We Confess Our Sins* by Fr. Thomas Hopko
5. *Repentance* by Archimandrite Seraphim Papacostas **EXCELLENT**
6. *Repentance & Confession in the Orthodox Church* by John Chryssavgis

THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE

1. *Health & Medicine in the Orthodox Tradition: Faith, Liturgy & Wholeness* by Fr. Stanley Harakas [Unction]
2. *Of Life & Salvation: Reflections on Living the Christian Life* by Fr. Stanley Harakas [Unction]
3. *These are the Sacraments* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris
4. *Putting On Christ – Baptism & Chrismation CD-ROM DRE-GOA*
5. *Crown Them With Glory & Honor – CD-ROM* from the Dept. of Rel. Ed. GOA
6. *On the Priesthood* by St. John Chrysostom
7. *For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

8. *Of Water and the Spirit* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann [Baptism]
9. *Women Deacons in the Orthodox Church: Called to Holiness and Ministry* by Dr. Kyriaki FitzGerald
10. *On the Sacraments* by St. Cyril of Jerusalem
11. *The Holy Sacraments of Orthodox Christianity: Baptism & Chrismation, Unction, Matrimony, Penance* DRE

SIN IN TODAY'S WORLD

1. *Plugged In* magazine by Focus of the Family
2. The homilies of St. John Chrysostom
3. *God With Us: Critical Issues in Christian Life & Faith* by John Breck

THEOSIS

1. *Partakers of Divine Nature* by Christoforos Stavropoulos trans. by Fr. Stanley Harakas
2. *How Are We Saved?* By Bishop Kallistos Ware
3. *Guide to the Spiritual Life* by an Athonite Monk [CP]

THEOTOKOS & THE SAINTS

1. *The Prologue of Ochrid Website* <http://www.westsrbdio.org/prolog/prolog.htm> **EXCELLENT**
2. *God is Wonderful in His Saints* <http://www.abbamoses.com> **EXCELLENT**
3. *The Book of Saints* by Mary Hallick
4. *Encyclopedia of Martyrs and Fathers of the Orthodox Church I & II* by Basil Eleftherios [LL]
5. *Orthodox Saints – 4 Volumes* – by Fr. George Poulos
6. Ellinas Multimedia Videos
7. *Harlots of the Desert* by Sr. Benedicta Ward
8. *The Holy Fire* by Robert Payne
9. *Holy Women of Byzantium* by Alice-Mary Talbot
10. *Saints for all Ages Series*– 9 volumes, edited by Dr. Constance Tarasar **EXCELLENT**
11. *Lives of the Saints for Young People*, 11 Volumes, Synaxis Press [Light & Life] **EXCELLENT**
12. *The Lives of the Seventy Apostles* translated & compiled by Leonty Durkit
13. Refer to Light & Life and the GOA-DRE's catalogs for titles about individual saints.
14. *The Illustrated Life of the Theotokos for Children* by Georgia and Helen Hronas
15. *Facing Up to Mary* by Fr. Peter Gillquist [CP]
16. *Celebrating the Faith Series, Vol. 3, Virgin Mary* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

ICONS

1. *Come Bless the Lord* Icon Packet
2. *Praying with Icons* by Jim Forest
3. *No Graven Images* by Fr. Jack Sparks [CP]
4. *Festival Icons for the Christian Year* by John Baggley
5. *On the Holy Icons* by St. Theodore the Studite

LENT AND PASCHA

1. *The Triodion* translated by Bishop Kallistos Ware & Mother Maria [Check the Introduction.] **EXCELLENT**
2. *The Lenten Journey: The Meaning of the Great Fast* by Bishop Kallistos Ware
3. *The Royal Road CD-ROM* GOA-DRE
4. *Great Lent* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann **EXCELLENT**
5. *Great Week and Pascha in the Greek Orthodox Church* by Fr. Alkiviadis Calivas **EXCELLENT**
6. *When You Fast* by Bishop Kallistos Ware [CP]
7. *Holy Unction* video
8. *Holy Week* video

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

1. Service Books for Vespers, Compline, Matins, Liturgy, Akathist, Paraklesis/Supplications, Holy Week...
2. *The Orthodox Faith Series: Vol. II Worship* by Fr. Thomas Hopko
3. *Journey Through the Divine Liturgy* by Fr. Constantine Nasr *Making Byzantine Vestments* by R. Golini
4. *Feast of Faith* by Archbishop Paul of Finland
5. *Orthodox Worship – A Living Continuity with the Temple, the Synagogues and the Early Church* by Benjamin Williams and Harold Anstall
6. *The Bible in the Liturgy* by Fr. Constantine Nasr
7. *Heavenly Worship* by Fr. Richard Ballew [CP]
8. *Melody of Prayer: How to Personally Experience the Divine Liturgy* by Fr. Stanley Harakas

THE PERSON OF CHRIST

1. *The Orthodox Faith Series: Vol. I Doctrine* by Fr. Thomas Hopko
2. *Christ in Eastern Christian Thought* by Fr. John Meyendorff
3. *The Incarnate God I & II*

SCRIPTURE

1. *How to Read the Bible* by Bishop Kallistos Ware [CP]
2. *Scripture and Tradition* [CP]
3. *Scripture and Tradition: The Bible and Its Interpretation in the Orthodox Church* by Fr. John Breck
4. *Bible in the Liturgy* by Fr. Constantine Nasr
5. *The Bible and the Holy Fathers* compiled by Johanna Manley **EXCELLENT**
6. *Year of Grace of the Lord* by a Monk of the Orthodox Church **EXCELLENT**

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| 2. <i>Jr. High Talksheets: Psalms & Proverbs</i> \$14.99 [UPDATED] | [UPDATED] |
| 3. <i>More Jr. High Talksheets</i> \$14.99 [UPDATED] | 7. <i>Would You Rather...?</i> \$9.99 |
| 4. <i>High School Talksheets</i> \$14.99 [UPDATED] | 8. <i>Keep 'Em Talking!</i> \$14.99 Real-life dilemmas] |
| 5. <i>High School Talksheets from Psalms & Proverbs</i> \$14.99 [UPDATED] | 9. <i>What If...?</i> \$9.99 |
| | 10. <i>Videos that Teach, 1</i> \$12.99 |
| | 11. <i>Videos that Teach, 2</i> \$12.99 |

LENTEN RESOURCES

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. *Celebrations: Feasts & Holy Days* by Robert Snyder & Joan Teebagy [OCEC]
2. *Great Lent* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann [DRE-GOA, Light & Life]
3. *Great Week and Pascha in the Greek Orthodox Church* by Fr. Alkiviadis Calivas [DRE-GOA, Light & Life]
4. *The Holy Week Book* by Fr. George Papadeas
5. *The Lenten Journey: The Meaning of the Great Fast* by Bishop Kallistos Ware Calivas [DRE-GOA, LL]
6. *The Orthodox Faith Series* by Fr. Thomas Hopko is a four-volume set of the basics on the Orthodox Faith - *Doctrine, Worship, Bible and Church History, Spirituality* [OCEC, DRE, Light & Life]
7. *The Orthodox Study Bible* - icons, footnotes, articles
8. *A Resource Handbook for Great Lent and Pascha* published by the Diocese Religious Education Committee, compiled by PMO for Pittsburgh Diocese, 1989. [Out-of-print; check Church School Resource Cabinet.]
9. *The Sacrament of Penance and the Younger Child* by Dr. Constance Tarasar [Under "Lent & Pascha Resources on website <http://www.phyllisonest.com>]
10. *The Triodion* [Seminary Bookstores, Church Library]
11. *The Year of Grace of the Lord* by a Monk of the Eastern Church; guide to the liturgical year. [LL, DRE-GOA]

SPECIAL PROJECT – The Orthodox Christian Mission Center provides Church Schools with **Coin Boxes** to use during Great Lent. Students are encouraged to collect money for Missions. After Pascha all the funds are collected and sent to the Mission Center. <http://www.ocmc.org> [p.4]

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

1. *Come Bless the Lord Icon Packet* - 40 icon prints (8.5" x 11") of the major Feast Days and popular saints with an explanation of each on the reverse side, plus a companion booklet. [Light & Life, DRE-GOA, OCEC]
2. *Feast Day Tract Master Set #5* published by the Orthodox Christian Publications Center. Format: hymns of the day, Scripture references, background information and family activities. Permission to make multiple copies. [DRE-GOA, OCEC, Light & Life]
3. *Getting Ready for Holy Week and Pascha Booklet* - Same format as the *Feast Day Tract Masters*. Permission to make multiple copies. [On my website under "Lent & Pascha Resources."]
4. *Great Lent Tract Master Set #6* - Pre-Lenten Sundays, Sundays of Great Lent, Fasting, Confession, and more. Permission to make multiple copies. [DRE-GOA]
5. *IOCC Children's Lenten Project* developed by Fr. Irinij Dobrijevic [On website under "Lent & Pascha Resources."]
6. *Lenten Lotto* [grades K, 1,2,3] matching game. Liturgical services of Great Lent and Holy Week with basic Biblical and historical events. [OCEC]
7. *Lenten Workbook* [grades 3,4,5,6] 16-page workbook that explains and reviews the themes, services and practices of Great Lent and Holy Week. Illustrations, text, puzzles, activities. [DRE-GOA, OCEC]
8. *My Lenten Journey, an Interactive Poster for Kids* - Large full-color poster plus 40 colorful stickers and a "How-to Guide for Creative Projects." K-5 [OCEC, DRE-GOA]
9. *Our Journey Begins* activity (Young Life Magazine March 1989, pp. 9-11) is a puzzle that can be used especially with younger children to mark off the days until Holy Week and Pascha. [Not on website, part of the Spring 1999 Packet]
10. *Our Journey to Pascha Lenten Board Game* includes a game board plus 80 questions. Game board can be enlarged to 11"x17" format. [On my website under "Lent & Pascha Resources" and "Games."]
11. *PASCHA EGGS: The Resurrection Story for Orthodox Christian Children* is a hands-on activity for class and home. Each plastic egg contains a small item related to the Pascha Story. The directions to make your own set of eggs and the booklet are included. [On my website under "Lent & Pascha Resources."]
12. *Pascha Lesson Cookie Recipe* helps younger children with the concept of the empty Tomb [On my website under "Lent & Pascha Resources."]
13. *The Teaching Pictures* - (Set B), Great Lent and Pascha. Lesson Plans. [OCEC & DRE-GOA]

14. *We Return to God* - [grades 2,3,4] Booklet introducing the Sacrament of Confession, examination of conscience at the child's level. Prayers for before and after Communion. [OCEC, Light & Life]

Coloring Books

1. *The Icon Book* by Fr. John Matusiak
2. *Journey to Pascha – Icon Coloring Book* includes the Prodigal Son, Resurrection of Christ, the Crucifixion, St. Mary of Egypt, The Myrrhbearing Women, Jesus' Prayer in the Garden, St. Thomas Believes, Palm Sunday, Washing the Feet, the Bridegroom
3. *Parables of Christ Byzantine Coloring Book*

Selected Children's Books

1. *Christina Goes to the Holy Land* by Maria Khoury [Light & Life, SVS]
2. *Spero Learns of Palm Sunday and Jesus' Love* by Jane Fontana. Spero learns that Holy Week has a happy ending.
3. *What You Should Know about Holy Week in the Orthodox Church* is out-of-print, but may be in your parish's Church School Resources. For older students. [Published by Scriptographic for the Orthodox Church.]

VIDEOS

1. *Holy Unction* [Light & Life]

2. *Holy Week* [Light & Life]

A HOLY FRIDAY RETREAT GUIDEBOOK by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. Students go from station to station in small groups for about 7-8 minutes. Each station has a theme. Adults or older students prepare a short explanation of their stations. Lesson tips, alternate station ideas, and additional information included. [DRE-GOA] If you have already used the retreat, do it a second time using the same format but choose other topics. Some are listed in the guidebook. Descriptions of topics can be found in *A Resource Handbook for Great Lent and Pascha*, (see #13).

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD IDEAS

Does your parish use the Weekly Bulletins from Vestal (the ones with the icons)? Each week I toss mine in a box marked "Bulletins" and sorted by "Men Saints," "Women Saints," "Feast Days," "Holy Week," "Pre-Lenten Sundays," "Sundays of Lent," "Angels," etc. When I need icons, I sort through the box and trim them to size. If you don't have these icons, use the ones from the *Come Bless the Lord Icon Packet*.

1. *Sundays of the Triodion and the Events of Holy Week in Icons* Cover the board with colored paper. Start in the bottom right corner and place the icons in a clockwise spiral in order by date so that Pascha ends in the center. Add the dates and titles below each icon. Connect them with purple crepe paper. Add a title such as "Marking Our Path to Pascha."
2. *Paschal Greeting in Various Languages* [On website under Spring 2000 Packet, as "Bulletin Board Ideas for Pascha /Easter"]
3. *Pascha Eggs: The Resurrection Story for Orthodox Christian Children*: This egg carton project can also be used as a basis for a bulletin board. Each page can be enlarged and placed on the bulletin board. Add the item itself (if possible) or a picture of the item or an icon or drawing and you have a teaching tool! [On website under "Lent & Pascha Resources."]

CD-ROM

THE ROYAL ROAD CD-ROM centers on the Triodion period. Includes 36 Lenten hymns in Greek and English, 32 gospel, epistle & other readings, 12 video clips, 85 Quiz Questions, dozens of articles, patristic quotations & more. Mac/Windows operating systems compatible. [DRE-GOA, \$39.95]

SELECTED WEBSITES OF INTEREST

1. <http://www.goarch.org>
2. <http://www.phyllisonest.com>
3. <http://www.oca.org/focusededucation/index.html>
4. http://www.monachos.net/great_lent
5. <http://www.theologic.com> has links to over 700 Orthodox sites

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ORTHODOX FAMILY LIFE Journal- archived articles are at <http://www.theologic.com/oflweb>

WEBSITES FOR MOVIE REVIEWS: www.screenit.com / www.moviemom.com / www.family.org

Invitation: Bringing The Faith Home – the Journal for Orthodox Christian Families, edited by Pres. Diane Ellie Miles, Ed.D. \$29.95 -10 issues/yr, 16 pages. [Clergy-Laity Special until Nov. 1 - \$19.95] ≥ 30 copies \$14.95/subscription. Inner 4 pages will focus on the Archdiocese theme each month & can be ordered separately for \$1.50 each/\$14.00 per year.

BOOKS ON CHRISTIAN PARENTING

1. *On the Upbringing of Children* by Bishop Irenaius / Light & Life
2. *Raising Them Right* by St. Theophan the Recluse / Light & Life, Conciliar Press, DRE-GOA
3. *A Way of Life: Introducing Your Child to the Orthodox Faith* by Ann-Marie Gidus-Mecera / Light & Life, DRE-GOA, OCEC, OCPC **A WONDERFUL BOOK FOR BOTH HOME AND CHURCH.**
4. *Walking in Wonder: Nurturing Orthodox Christian Virtues in Your Children* by Elizabeth White / Conciliar Press
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BOOKS RELATED TO EDUCATION and THE HOME

1. *A Guide for the Domestic Church* by the Diocese of Newton (Melkite source) / Conciliar Press
2. *Building to Last: Stories for Families to Read Together in Their Daily Prayer Time* by Isabel Anderson / Light & Life
3. *Children in the Church Today: An Orthodox Perspective* by Sister Magdalen / Light & Life, DRE-GOA
4. *Children's Literature: A Guide for the Christian Home and Parish* / Light & Life, OCEC
5. *Conversations with Children: Communicating Our Faith* by Sister Magdalen / Light & Life **EXCELLENT**
6. *Family Life: Christian Family in Today's World*, ed. by Constance Tarasar / OCPC
7. *Liturgy and Life: Christian Development Through Liturgical Experience* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann / Light & Life, DRE-GOA **IMPORTANT READING**
8. *Making God Real in an Orthodox Christian Home* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris / Light & Life, DRE-GOA
9. *Making Things Right* [preparing a child for first confession; ages 7-10; pupil, pupil Activity book, teachers' –parents' manual / OCEC & DRE-GOA
10. *Our Church and Our Children* by Sophie Koulomzin / Light & Life, SVS **RE-RELEASED BY SVS 2004**

RESOURCES FOR HOME USE

1. *The Biggest Birthday Party* (Advent) by John Boojamra / Light & Life, OCEC, DRE-GOA
2. *Come Bless the Lord* Icon Packet / Light & Life, DRE-GOA, OCEC
3. *Daily Prayers for Orthodox Christians* / St. Ignatius Press
4. *Feast and Families: The Season of Christmas* (Advent) by C. Tarasar / Light & Life, OCEC, DRE, OCPC
5. *How About Advent! An Advent Program for the Orthodox Christian Family* by Fr. Kurt Speier, Dn. John Finley / Light & Life, OCEC, DRE-GOA
6. *Hymns of the Orthodox Church Music Education* 12 booklets. Each contains an icon related to the hymn, the music in English, Greek & English phonetics, lesson ideas and vocabulary. A cassette tape features the voices of EIKONA. Family Packet (1 booklet of each hymn & 1 tape) DRE-GOA
7. *Meal Blessing Cards* (set of 16 cards containing blessings for both before and after meals, together with the troparia and kontakia of the major feasts) Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery **VERY USEFUL**
8. *My Lenten Journey (Poster & Activity)* / Light & Life, OCEC
9. *Plugged In Magazine* [Non-Orthodox guide to movies, music, TV programs, video games, etc. Use with caution.] 12 issues \$20 from Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO 80995/ 800-A-FAMILY / FAX: 719-531-3424 / <http://www.family.org>
10. *How to Pray with Icons: An Activity Book* for Children by M. Tataryn / Light & Life **VERY USEFUL**

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BOOKS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH

1. *God With Us: Critical Issues in Christian Living and Faith* by Fr. John Breck / SVS
2. *The Bible in the Liturgy* by Fr. Constantine Nasr / Light & Life
3. *Encyclopedia of Major Saints and Fathers of the Orthodox Church, Vol. 1& 2* by Basil Eleftheriou / Light & Life
4. *The Incarnate God: The Feasts of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary, Volumes 1 & 2* / Light & Life, DRE-GOA
5. *Journey Through the Divine Liturgy* by Fr. Constantine Nasr / Light & Life

6. *Orthodox Christian Beliefs: Real Answers to Real Questions from Real People* by Fr. Stanley Harakas / Light & Life, DRE-GOA
7. *The Orthodox Church* [2nd Edition] by Bishop Kallistos Ware / DRE-GOA, Light & Life **An Orthodox classic**.
8. *The Orthodox Church: A Well-Kept Secret [A Journey Through Church History]* by Fr. George Nicozisin / DRE-GOA, Light & Life
9. *The Orthodox Faith: An Elementary Handbook on the Orthodox Church* by Fr. Thomas Hopko: **Vol. 1 Doctrine; Vol. 2 Worship; Vol. 3 Bible and Church History, Vol. 4 Spirituality** / Light & Life, DRE-GOA, & OCPC
EXCELLENT, Easy to Read.
10. *Orthodox Mysteries Sacraments and Worship of the Orthodox Church* / Light & Life, Conciliar Press
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11. *The Orthodox Way* by Bishop Kallistos Ware / Light Life & DRE-GOA
12. *The Way, The Truth, The Life* published by OCEC **NEW - EXCELLENT HOME REFERENCE!!!**
13. *When You Intermarry* by Fr. Charles Joanides / Light & Life, DRE-GOA

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- ✘ **DRE-GOA – Department of Religious Education:** 50 Goddard Ave. Brookline, MA 02445-7415 / 800-566-1088 or 617-850-1218 / FAX: 617-850-1489 / Email: religioused@goarch.org / <http://www.religioused.goarch.org>
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- ✘ **Light & Life Publishing:** 4808 Park Glen Rd. Minneapolis, MN 55416 / 952-925-3888 / FAX: 888-925-3918 / Email: info@light-n-life.com / <http://www.light-n-life.com>
- ✘ **OCEC – Orthodox Christian Education Committee:** PO Box 1051 Syracuse, NY 13201-1051 / 800-464-2744 or 315-428-1566/ FAX: 315-422-1893 / www.orthodoxed.org
- ✘ **OCPC – Orthodox Christian Publication Center** PO Box 588 Wayne, NJ 07474-0588 / 973-331-9101/ FAX: 973-331-9505 / http://www.oca.org/pages/min_orgs/units/ocpc.2002sales.html

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PRESCHOOL RESOURCES

The following books can be used as **supplements to the curricula texts** of the Greek Archdiocese, Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC), and the OCA. Some of these resources may be available from other sources.

1. *A Way of Life: Introducing Your Child to the Orthodox Faith* by Ann-Marie Gidus-Mecera - Light & Life, DRE-GOA, OCEC
2. *Come Bless the Lord* Icon Packet - Light & Life, DRE-GOA, OCEC
3. *Divine Liturgy* Flip Chart - OCEC
4. *Build Your Own Church* – DRE-GOA, OCEC, Light & Life
5. *Build Your Own Iconostasis and Altar* – DRE-GOA, OCEC, Light & Life
6. *Build Your Own Bishop, Priest, and Deacon* – DRE-GOA, OCEC, Light & Life
7. *Teaching Pics* – DRE-GOA, OCEC, Light & Life
8. **Colorform kits: Liturgy & Altar; Iconostasion & Utensils - Out-of-Print.** Check the Church School Resource Cabinet.
9. A **Nativity Set** available in many stores during the Advent season.
10. **Bible Story FlannelGraphs** available from local Bookstores.

CHILDRENS' BOOKS With some of these, tell the story as you show the pictures.

1. *The Creation of the World for Young People* by Bishop Varlamm - Paidea Classics
2. *Christina Goes to Church* by Maria Khoury - Light & Life, DRE-GOA
3. *Christina's Favorite Saints* by Maria Khoury - Light & Life, DRE-GOA
4. *Christina Goes to the Holy Land* \$14.95 / SVS **NEW**
5. *Christina Learns the Sacraments* by Maria Khoury - Light & Life, DRE-GOA
6. *Guardian Angel Children's Prayer Book* by Fr. T. Lozynsky - Light & Life, Conciliar, DRE-GOA
7. *I Go To Church* by Ann Marie Gidus-Mecera - Light & Life, DRE-GOA
8. *I Go to Church Instructional Guide* - Light & Life, DRE-GOA
9. *Letters from Heaven: An Illuminated Alphabet* by Susan von Medicus - Light & Life, Conciliar Press, SVS
10. *In Church I Visit With God* by Mary Jane Milligan - Light & Life
11. *Let's Take a Walk Through Our Orthodox Church* by Fr. A. Coniaris - Light & Life, DRE, Conciliar
12. *Life of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker* by Nina Seco - Light & Life, DRE-GOA
13. *Life of St. Nina, Equal to the Apostles* by Nina Seco - Light & Life
14. *My Orthodox Counting Book* by Maria Khoury - Light & Life, DRE-GOA
15. *We Praise God* by Constance Tarasar (Introduction to the Liturgy) - Light & Life, OCEC
16. *The World My Church* by Fr. Dn. John & Sophie Chryssavgis - DRE-GOA, Conciliar Press
17. *You Are Special: An Alphabet Book for Children* by Maria Khoury - Light & Life, DRE-GOA
18. Lives of Saints books that are colorful. For this age group, tell the story rather than read it.
19. Pop-up Bible Story Books

The Adventures of Spero, the Orthodox Church Mouse Series by Jane Fontana, DRE-GOA, LL

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| 1. <i>Spero's First Orthodox Alphabet Book</i> | 4. <i>Spero the Church Mouse Doll</i> (plush toy) |
| 2. <i>Spero's Orthodox Alphabet Flash Cards</i> | 5. <i>Nativity of Our Lord</i> |
| 3. <i>Jesus Wants Us to Have Good Manners</i> | 6. <i>Spero Learns of Palm Sunday & Jesus' Love</i> |

The Twelve Great Feasts For Children Series from Conciliar Press

1. *The Meeting of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press
2. *The Nativity of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press, DRE-GOA
3. *The Theophany of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press, DRE-GOA
4. *The Annunciation* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press, DRE-GOA
5. *The Nativity of the Theotokos* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press, DRE-GOA
6. *The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press
7. *Feast of Pentecost* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press **NEW**
8. *The Ascension of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press **NEW**
9. *The Transfiguration of Our Lord* by Sister Elayne - Conciliar Press **NEW**

GROUP PUBLISHING [Non-Orthodox. Use with caution. Great ideas that we can use to excite our students.]

Old Testament Interactive Bible Stories for Children and *New Testament Interactive Bible Stories for Children* –Both are out-of-print. Check the Internet for copies.

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| 1. <i>Children's Ministry Magazine's Best Ever Ideas</i> | 4. <i>Snip and Tell Bible Stories</i> |
| 2. <i>Clip and Tell Bible Stories</i> | 5. <i>Bible-Time Crafts Your Kids Will Love</i> – the DRE-GOA carries some Group books |
| 3. <i>Preschool Craft-Play</i> | |

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SMALL CHURCH SCHOOL RESOURCES

When a Church School cannot use the regular curriculum, try a different format – the "One Room School House." Have the entire Church School focus on one theme. Gather all the students for the main presentation, then break up into 2 or 3 groups for age-appropriate activities. Books 1-4 offer 3 levels of activity.

1. **THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S: Caring for God's Creation** 5-part study unit, pre-school through high school; packet reproduced locally for each teacher. This program is designed to help students understand creation as a gift of God and their role as good stewards of God's gift. Includes many practical ideas and resources for home and parish use. / DRE-GOA, OCEC \$5.00
2. **GOD IS CALLING YOU: Exploring God's Purpose for Your Life** 7-part study unit focusing on Vocations, both ordained and non-ordained ministries; geared for students ages 7-18; packet reproduced locally for each teacher. This program hopes to foster a desire in participants to explore and pursue their personal vocation within the Church and community. / DRE-GOA, OCEC \$5.00
3. **HIDDEN TREASURES: Discovering God's Gifts** 5-part study unit; lessons may be used with a wide range of students, but activities are geared to elementary grades, packet reproduced locally for each teacher. This program is designed to offer students a sense of their uniqueness as individuals created in the Image and Likeness of God, while emphasizing their membership within the Christian community. DRE-GOA \$5.00
4. **TEACH ALL NATIONS!** 9-part study unit, ages 4-13; packet to be reproduced locally for each teacher. Students have their "passports" validated when they "visit" Armenia, Ireland, Antioch, Athens, Rome, Romania, and the Slavic lands. Suggests ethnic costumes and craft projects. Students write and present a play. This unit on Mission in the Church tells the story of how the Good News delivered by Jesus has been proclaimed for 2,000 years by His disciples and apostles, from Jerusalem to the local parishes of which we are members. / DRE-GOA, OCEC \$5.00

LITTLE FALCONS Magazine PO Box 371, Grayslake, IL 60030 / 847-223-4300 / FAX: 847-223-4305 Email littlefalcons@owc.net 4 issues / \$15.00 per year. Each issue focuses on one theme. 31 Back issues at \$5.00 each. 2004-2005 Themes: Angels, Life, Parables & Miracles. Collect them all & create a "Children's Orthodox Encyclopedia."

GROUP PUBLISHING / CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As always, use non-Orthodox materials with caution.

GROUP Publishing offers several resources that can be used in small church schools. 30-day satisfaction guarantee. Available at some local Christian Bookstores. Although Group Publishing is a Protestant firm, their teaching methods are tried and true and can be adapted to an Orthodox Church School. The teacher needs to add the Festal cycle and Orthodox practices. GROUP publishes a variety of craft books, idea books, and more that can be adapted for use by Orthodox Church Schools. [PO Box 481 Loveland, CO 80539 / 800-447-1070 / FAX 970-292-4373 / Email: info@grouppublishing.com / www.grouppublishing.com

1. **Children's Ministry Guide for Smaller Churches** by Rick Chromey offers ideas on a variety of topics listed as chapters in the Contents: Small Advantages; Getting Focused; Balanced Ministry; Finding Help; Finding Money; Teaching to Produce Learning; Effective Programs; Reaching Out. The chapter "Children & Worship" offers some ideas that Orthodox can use.
2. **Bible-Time Crafts Your Kids Will Love**
3. **Clip & Tell Bible Stories** by Lois Keffer work well with the Sunday Gospel Readings.
4. **Extra-Special Bible Adventures** by Christine Yount, geared for upper elementary students, takes them on journeys through Genesis and Exodus, with Daniel, Jesus and St. Paul.
5. **Snip & Tell Bible Stories** by Karyn Henley work well with the Sunday Gospel Readings.
6. **Sunday School Specials 1, 2, & 3** by Lois Keffer are geared for students ages 4-12. The combined-class lessons include Old and New Testament stories and lessons to help celebrate special times. All lessons involve active-learning experiences, interactive Bible stories, life applications, and take-home handouts. [I have only examined #3.]

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

1. ***WE ARE: THE CHURCH*** 5-day; half-day, preschool - junior high. All materials - director's manual, worship service, lesson plans for each grade level, supplemental materials for students and more - comes in a 3-ring notebook. Reproducible to meet local needs. / DRE-GOA, Light & Life
2. ***“LIVING IN AN ORTHODOX WORLD”*** by Fr. Michael Shanbour focuses on centering one's life on the liturgical and personal prayer of the Church. Six of the eight songs from his sing-a-long CD/Audio Cassette by the same name are integrated into the lessons. The program includes lesson plans, sheet music, cassette, nametag, and certificate. 5-day; half-day, preschool- grade 6 / DRE-GOA Additional tapes, and CD's, and a Companion Booklet can be purchased

The following are booklets provide the needed information to conduct a VCS program. Although the Director needs to expand the program for the teachers, add the music and craft, the content is good, and the objectives are clear. These were successfully developed and used by members of the OCA's Youth Department.

1. ***THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S: Caring for God's Creation*** A 5-part study unit for VCS, weekly Church School, or Summer Camping Programs; preschool through high school; packet reproduced locally for each teacher. This program is designed to help students understand creation as a gift of God and their role as good stewards of God's gift. Includes many practical ideas and resources for home and parish use. / DRE-GOA, OCPC, OCEC
2. ***GOD IS CALLING YOU: Exploring God's Purpose for Your Life*** A 7-part study unit for Church Schools, Youth Groups, Summer Camps, and VCS focusing on Vocations both ordained and non-ordained ministries. Geared for students ages 7-18. This program hopes to foster a desire in participants to explore and pursue their personal vocation within the Church and community. / DRE-GOA, OCPC, OCEC
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These two books are written by Angeline Eliakopoulos, who has taught and directed a church school for many years. The books have a variety of uses, VCS is but one.

1. ***REACHING FOR THE FRUITS: HELPING CHILDREN GROW SPIRITUALLY*** by Angeline Eliakopoulos. Sibling dealing with life's challenges provides material for discussing the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Eight chapters can be the basis for discussion and 6 plays can be dramatized in class. Ages 6-12. / Light & Life, DRE-GOA
2. ***MIRACLES and MORE: Exercises For The Church School*** by Angeline Eliakopoulos / DRE-GOA Themes: Miracles, Resurrection, and Jesus reveals Himself to us. Contains lesson plans, discussion questions, plays, directions and recipes for children to prepare Kollyva, Prosporo, Artoklasia; Church Treasure hunt game, worksheets, 45 arts and crafts projects, sample VCS forms and more. 136 pages / Light & Life, DRE-GOA

VCS PROGRAMS DEVELOPED BY HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, Pittsburgh, PA

123 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228 / 412-833-3355. \$50.00 donation benefits the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in St. Augustine, Florida. Reproduced at the local level. *These five programs have been developed for the parish and were to be updated as they were cycled through. It appears to me that this has not happened. The photocopy quality runs from good to poor at times. In each program the Teaching Objectives need reworked by an educator.*

1. **MIRACLES OF JESUS** [Developed in 1993] 5-day; half-day; age 3 - grade 8; divided into three levels. Daily lesson includes a skit, music and craft. Worksheets for each level. [1] Jesus Feeds 5000 People, [2] Jesus Walks on Water; [3] Jesus Heals 10 Lepers; [4] The Healing of the Canaanite Woman's Daughter; [5] The Raising of Lazarus. *Mine is missing the worksheets.*
2. **PARABLES** [Developed in 1992] 5-day; half-day; pre-Kindergarten - grade 6; three levels. Daily lesson includes a skit, craft project, music and recreation ideas. [1] Prodigal Son; [2] The Good Samaritan; [3] The Hidden Treasure; [4] The Wise and Foolish Builders; [5] The Cruel and Unforgiving Debtor. *[This program needs further development. There is no Activity Book and the crafts are minimal. A 2nd edition is needed.]*
3. **SAINTS ALIVE!** [Developed in 1990] 5-day; half-day; age 3 - 7th grade divided into three levels. Daily lesson includes a skit and background material about the saint of the day, craft projects and music. [1] St. Nicholas; [2] Ss. Peter and Paul; [3] St. John the Almsgiver; [4] Ss. Julitta and Kyrikos, [5] Virgin Mary. *[This program needs updated. The Activity Book was of poor quality. I suggest waiting to purchase it until there is a 2nd Edition. Suggestions will be given.]*
4. **SUMMER PASCHA** [Developed in 1994] 5-day; half-day; preschool - grade 8; three levels. Daily lesson includes a skit, Bible Verse, activity book and craft. [1] Jesus Goes to Jerusalem; [2] Last Supper, Betrayal, Arrest; [3] Crucifixion; [4] Resurrection; [5] Doubting Thomas. *[I was not able to review this program.]*
5. **JOURNEY TO THE PROMISED LAND** [Old Testament] [Developed in 1995] 5-day; half-day. Three levels: Preschool - grade 8. Includes Lesson Plans, Student Activity Books, Skits, Crafts and Music. [1] Creation, [2] Noah, [3] Moses and the Burning Bush; [4] Crossing the Red Sea; [5] 10 Commandments. *[At times there are too many worksheets from which to select. Some are just time fillers and others are difficult for children with reading or attention difficulties. The photocopied pages were skewed and required much time to reposition them correctly. Suggestions will be given.]*

I would be pleased to work with anyone developing a VCS program, or review a VCS program to be shared with other parishes. Our children also attend non-Orthodox VBS programs that are colorful and full of interesting handouts. Our work must be clean and crisp since it is in B&W. The crafts need to be ones that can go in prayer corners or hung on the wall or be given as gifts. If we use icons, we must teach the students that the icon is special in our church and used in prayer and worship. It is not a toy.

The following programs are out-of-print, but a nearby Romanian Orthodox [OCA] parish may have a file copy that you can reproduce. If that is not an option, contact me.

1. **SAINTS & CELEBRATIONS** 5-Day; full-day program; Preschool - teens; four levels. Detailed lesson plans, activity directions and patterns, plus supplementary information and bibliographic references for teacher/student use. Summer feast days: Ascension, Pentecost, Transfiguration, Dormition and Nativity of the Theotokos. Saints: St. George, SS. Constantine and Helen, Archangel Gabriel, Holy Apostles, St. Herman, St. John the Baptist, St. Juliana the Merciful.
2. **AND JESUS SAID...** 5-day; full day program, ages 4-12 divided into four levels. Detailed lessons include art/craft projects. Lessons include: [1] The Good Samaritan and Elisha and the Widow; [2] The Prodigal Son and Jonah and the Whale; [3] The Parable of the Talents and Noah and the Ark; [4] The Unforgiving Servant and Joseph and His Brothers; [5] Parable of the Wedding Feast and Story of Baby Moses.

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STAGES OF FAITH and FAMILY and APPLICATION (OCEC)

STAGES OF FAITH

Birth to Toddler

- The quality of mutuality and strength of trust, autonomy, hope and courage developed at this time underlies all that comes later in faith development.
- Transition to next stage begins with convergence of language and thought.

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Early Childhood (Age 2-6)

This is the fantasy filled imitative phase in which the child can be powerfully influenced by examples, moods, actions and stories of visible faith of significant adults.

- Relative fluidity of thought patterns.
- Stage of first self-awareness.
- Child is egocentric.
- First awareness of death and sex differences.
- Preoccupying fear of death around 3rd or 4th year
- Strength at this stage is birth of imagination and ability to unify and grasp world in powerful images and as presented in stories.
- Appreciate long stories but have limited ability to retell them.
- Useful realism of biblical narratives provides indirect yet effective ways for children to externalize inner anxieties and order images and stories by which to begin to shape their lives.
- Literal-minded.
- Sense of community.

Transition to next stage begins with emergence of concrete operational thinking.

Childhood (Age 7-12)

This stage gives way to the rise of narrative and the forming of stories of faith. The child begins to take on the stories, beliefs and observances that symbolize belonging to his/her community. Their spiritual development will be largely determined by making sense out of actions around them.

- Beliefs are appropriated with literal interpretations, as are moral rules and attitudes. Symbols are taken as one-dimensional and literal in meaning.
- Story becomes major way of giving unity and value to experience.

FAMILY SKILLS & APPLICATION

Birth to Toddler

- Focus on the adult around the child as meeting his need and being present to him. Single parents should seek special assistance, associating with a larger community such as a Christian parish.
- Begin in the crib with religious behavior and symbolism. Make the sign of the cross on the children as you would on yourself. Say your evening prayers in their room as they go to sleep. As they develop verbal skills, 12-18 months, begin to say their evening prayers with them.

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Early Childhood

- Teach the prayers by rote, without trying to explain meaning. The important thing is to have them go into behavior and experiences that they will later come to understand.
- Use bible stories and personal stories to provide models of courage and virtue as well as "conviction-awakening" stories showing that goodness and resourcefulness triumph over evil and sloth.
- Provide a variety of activities to reinforce story and encourage imagination and creativity of child.
- Answer questions simply and clearly and use words that mean what they say.
- Child should attend Divine Liturgy each Sunday; amount of participation increases with age; i.e., saying prayers, sign of cross, signing, standing at Little and Great Entrance and censuring, etc.
- Add the Creed to evening prayers to make it easier to memorize when they enter church school. Add seasonal prayers, such as the Prayer of St. Simeon, "Christ is Risen," and the troparion of their name's day.
- They look for reliable and predictable behavior.
- They play by rules and are particularly attuned to the rules of the church.
- They learn to play socially and this enables them to begin to 'think about' their relationships with others. Begin to learn sharing and develop a sense of community.
- Morality still primitive, avoiding punishment, achieving satisfaction but moving into the stage of trying to please others as a 'good boy' or 'nice girl.' They can begin to go to confession and moral development becomes more formal with the ability to role project.
- Sense of presence of parents is important whom they look to as role models copying what parents do and say.

Childhood (Age 7-12)

- Use bible stories, lives of the saints and church history stories to give "unity and value" to experience. (For example, use story of *Restoration of Icons* to explain Orthodoxy Sunday procession; relation of Entrance into Jerusalem to Palm Sunday, etc.).
- Use bible stories, especially parables, to teach moral rules and attitudes. Choose stories that say what they mean. (Good Samaritan vs. Sower and the Seed. Children will remember details of the Sower and the seed but will not see the meaning behind it.)

· STAGES OF FAITH

Childhood (Age 7-12) cont'd

- Increasingly able to take perspective of others and compose a world based on reciprocal fairness.
- Can be affected deeply and powerfully by symbolic and dramatic material.
- Can describe in endless detail what has occurred but cannot form reflective, conceptual meanings.
- Actors in their stories are often anthropomorphic.
- Strength - rise of narrative and emergence of story, drama and myth as ways of finding and giving coherence to experience.
- Gender identification.

Later childhood is still dependent on family as adolescence approaches. They also learn that other people affect their lives in addition to parents. It is a transition period that carries its own excitement and difficulties.

Transition - Implicit clash or contradictions in stories that lead to reflection on meanings. The transition to "formal operational" thought makes reflection possible and necessary. This leads to disillusionment with previous teachers and teachings (for e.g. Genesis vs. Evolution). The emergence of mutual interpersonal perspective taking creates the need for a more personal relationship with God.

Adolescence - (Age 13-21)

A person's experience of the world now extends beyond the family. Faith must provide a coherent orientation in the midst of that more complex range of involvement. Faith must synthesize values and information; it must provide a basis for identity and outlook.

- Abstract reasoning, introspection, idealism, and empathy make them ideally suited to a flexible curriculum.
- It is believed that the adolescents should be expected to behave as the Gospel expects (feed the hungry, visit the sick clothe the naked) even if they are questioning the faith. Emotional emphasis should focus on their doing the *right* thing, which will appeal to their growing sense of idealism, introspection and abstract reasoning.
- Structures the environment in interpersonal terms.
- Acutely tuned to the expectations and judgments of significant others.
- Beliefs and values deeply felt but typically tacitly held.
- Possesses ideology but has not objectified it for examination and in a sense unaware of having it - clustering of values and beliefs.
- Strength -forming of identity and shaping of personal faith.
- Danger - expectations and evaluations of others can be so compellingly internalized that later autonomy of judgment and action can be jeopardized, etc.
- Differences of outlook with others experienced as differences in "kind" of person - question and evaluate different parts of view in search of own convictions.
- Need a sense of belonging.

FAMILY SKILLS & APPLICATION

Childhood cont'd

- Involve child in retelling of the story.
- Lessons and stories should allow child to take perspectives of others as in role-playing and making choices.
- Increase discussion of and participation in worship, i.e. expect child to begin to recite prayers, participate and observe more during Divine Liturgy.
- When making points, be sure to make them as concrete as possible and related to their experience.
- Use bible stories carefully since many are not understood by the child in the way adults are feeling them.
- Gender identification: girls identify with mothers and boys with fathers. Here accessibility is important.
- Ready to understand "intention," role projection, and the affects of their actions on other people. Here use a copy of *Children's Literature for the Christian Home* from the Department of Christian Education of the Antiochian Archdiocese for secular books that correlate with the curriculum material.
- Games, social play and, for Christian developmental purposes, confession.

Adolescence (Age 13-21)

- Family should expect that the adolescent is primed for rebellion, devotion to peer group, rejection of adults, moodiness and isolation. It is a period of searching for independence and identity.
- Provide interesting activities in learning and interpreting the faith.
- Allow freedom to question and doubt; help them seek answers to questions.
- Provide experiences in which they can discover the relevance of Scripture and beliefs to their decisions.
- Provide historical background and cultural setting for events and people in the story of Christian faith.
- Provide an atmosphere of trust, understanding, and acceptance in which they feel free to express problems and concerns; listen.
- Provide opportunities for interpersonal interaction; group activities.
- Continue to expect Christian behavior from the adolescent, even if they question their faith. Their sense of idealism will allow you to involve them in the church's social services, shopping for neighbor, and so forth.
- Peer group takes on importance and this can be positive or negative, depending on nature of group. The Church School or Church youth group will play a greater or lesser role depending on leadership and ability to meet needs.
- Parents must begin to let go and encourage responsible behavior.
- Values conflicts are common as they experiment with different roles and belief systems.
- Clearly defined moral standards must be available and mirrored in the parent's own integrity.