

2008-2009 CHURCH SCHOOL PLANNING CALENDAR*

Number in []'s identifies the Sunday as 1st, 10th, 20th, etc.

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 *Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year*

Sun 7 [1] _____

Mon 8 *Nativity of the Theotokos (Feast Day1)*

Sun 14 [2] _____ *Elevation of the Cross (Feast Day 2)* _____

Sun 21 [3] _____

Sun 28 [4] _____

OCTOBER

Sun 5 [5] _____

Sun 12 [6] _____

Sun 19 [7] _____

Sun 26 [8] _____

NOVEMBER

Sun 2 [9] _____

Sun 9 [10] _____

Sat 15 *NATIVITY FAST or ST. PHILIP'S FAST Begins [Advent or Coming of the Lord]*

Sun 16 [11] _____

Fri 21 *Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Feast Day 3)*

Sun 23 [12] _____

Th 27 *Thanksgiving*

Sun 30 [13] _____

DECEMBER

Sat 6 *St. Nicholas Day*

Sun 7 [14] _____

Sun 14 [15] _____

Sun 21 [16] _____

Th 25 *Nativity of Our Lord (Feast Day 4)*

Sun 28 [17] _____

JANUARY

Th 1 **New Year's Day / St. Basil's Day**

Sun 4 [18] _____

Tu 6 *Theophany of Our Lord (Feast Day 5)*

Sun 11 [19] _____

Sun 18 [20] _____

Sun 25 [21] _____

FEBRUARY

Sun 1 [22] _____

Mon 2 *Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Feast Day 6)*

Sun 8 [23] **TRIODION BEGINS: Publican & Pharisee** _____

Sun 15 [24] **Prodigal Son** _____

Sun 22 [25] **Judgment Sunday/Meatfare** _____

MARCH

Sun 1 [26] **Forgiveness Sunday/Cheesefare** _____

Mon 2 **GREAT LENT Begins / Pure Monday**

Sun 8 [27] **Sunday of Orthodoxy** _____

Sun 15 [28] **St. Gregory Palamas** _____

Sun 22 [29] **Veneration of the Cross** _____

Wed 25 *The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Feast Day 7)*

Sun 29 [30] **St. John Climacus** _____

APRIL

Sun 5 [31] **Mary of Egypt** _____

Sat 11 **Lazarus Saturday**

Sun 12 [32] _____ ***Palm Sunday (Feast Day 8) - Western Easter*** _____

HOLY WEEK

Mon 13 Holy Monday
Tu 14 Holy Tuesday
Wed 15 Holy Wednesday

Th 16 Holy Thursday
Fri 17 Holy Friday
Sat 18 Holy Saturday

Sun 19 _____ ***PASCHA- the Feasts of Feasts***

Sun 26 [33] **St. Thomas Sunday** _____

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Sun 3 [34] **Myrrhbearing Women** _____

Sun 10 [35] **Mother's Day** _____

Sun 17 [36] _____

Sun 24 [37] _____

Th 28 _____ ***Ascension (Feast Day 9)***

Sun 31 [38] _____

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Sat 6 Saturday of the Souls

Sun 7 [39] _____ ***Pentecost (Feast Day 10)*** _____

Sun 14 **All Saints Day** [Fast-free week.]

Mon 15 **SS PETER & PAUL fast begins**

Sun 21 Fathers' Day

Sun 28

Mon 29 **SS Peter & Paul Feast Day**

AUGUST

Sat 1 **DORMITION FAST Begins**

Th 6 _____ ***Transfiguration (Feast Day 11)***

Sat 15 _____ ***Dormition of the Theotokos (Feast Day 12)***

*FYI: This is a tool to help teachers lay out their lessons and special projects. They need to know the number of available Sundays. Expand the calendar with detail about your parish & anything that changes the number of Sundays or the amount of class time. Example: Parish Feast Day, Christmas Program and Rehearsals, Oratorical Festival Dates, Orthodoxy Sunday Processions, Missions Activities, the Beginning and End of Lenten Projects, and for the teens, away Basketball Tournaments and Metropolis Retreats. The bracketed numbers can be changed as needed.