

## SPECIAL LINKS

The following Websites have been selected from the many listed on the website of the Antiochian Archdiocese's Department of Christian Education <http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation>.

Please bookmark this site & make time to visit and discover the wealth of material and resources.

I extend special thanks on behalf of the Clergy & Educators of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh to *Carole Buleza*, Director of the Department of Christian Education, for sharing her talent, time, creativity and her untiring work for all Orthodox Christian Educators.

The website is divided into the following sections:

### ON OUR SITE...

- [Curriculum](#)
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- [Training Events](#)
- [Ideas](#)
- [Resources](#) (See categories below)
- [Articles](#)
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### ESPECIALLY FOR...

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Christian Education E-Newsletter

### Online Resource Guide for Teachers Available (Extensive)

Don't miss our Online Resources guide for Orthodox Christian Education, available at <http://www.antiochian.org/content/online-resources-orthodox-christian-education>

**Categories include:**

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| ✝ General Websites                     | ✝ Music, including Gigi Shadid |
| ✝ Camping Programs                     | ✝ Online Lesson Plans          |
| ✝ Children's Bulletin                  | ✝ Printed Curricula            |
| ✝ Church School Director Resources     | ✝ Supplementary Reading        |
| ✝ Directories                          | ✝ Teacher Trainings            |
| ✝ The Arts: Creative Festivals & Drama | ✝ Vacation Church School       |
| ✝ Games & Activities                   |                                |
| ✝ JOY Clubs                            |                                |



### "Let Us Attend" Sunday Gospel for children



Illustrated handouts of the each Sunday's Gospel are offered at five levels with discussion questions. It is paraphrased for the younger grades, and presented as it will be heard for the older students. Engaging graphics and great questions--it can be used as the curriculum for a small church school, or by parents who wish to read the gospel on Saturday night with their children.

**Reader Theatre Page!** provides the gospel as a script for reading aloud the different parts. Taking the parts of Jesus, the disciples, the crowd, the women disciples allows the students to come closer to experiencing the presence of Jesus. The goal is for the students to get to know Jesus Christ through the gospel.

Two audio files are available each Sunday--one for the younger children, told by a master storyteller, and one for the older children, a reading of the Gospel.

<http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattend>

Weekly PDFs and MP3s of the Gospel Program: Subscribe to the [podcast](#) (courtesy of Ancient Faith Radio)



### Resources on Creation, Wonder and Ecology

For podcasts and articles on the subject of Creation and our role in it as Orthodox Christians, go to

<http://www.antiochian.org/content/resources-creation-wonder-and-ecology>

## www.phyllisonest.com

Phyllis Meshel Onest, M.Div., the Director of Religious Education for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, has compiled an exhaustive resource list for both church school and home use at [www.phyllisonest.com](http://www.phyllisonest.com).



- ✝ Newsletters
- ✝ Websites at Your Fingertips
- ✝ Church School Director Resources
- ✝ Church School Teacher's Notebook
- ✝ Great Lessons Need These....!
- ✝ 40-day Lenten activities
- ✝ Christmas Plays
- ✝ Jr. & Sr. High Resources
- ✝ Parents & Families Resources
- ✝ Pre-School Resources
- ✝ Small Church School Resources
- ✝ Home Schooling Resources
- ✝ Sources of books, icons, tapes, magazines

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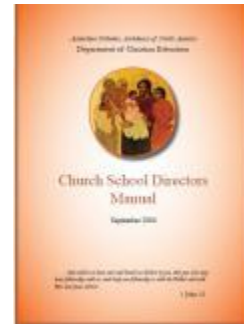
## The Mustard Seed – for Small Church Schools



The Mustard Seed is a feature of the Antiochian Archdiocese's Department of Christian Education. The task of the website is to provide suggestions and advice for small church schools; however, Church School Directors of small, medium and large schools can benefit. The site is maintained by Catherine Sullivan, an associate of the Department of Christian Education. "If you have the faith of a mustard seed...you can move mountains!" Matthew 17:20 <http://themustardseed.weebly.com/>

## Church School Directors Manual

The Department of Christian Education is pleased to release the updated 2011 version of The Church School Directors Manual, available for download. The manual contains important topics such as the Role of the Church School Director; A Year in the Life of the Church School Director; Recruiting, Preparing and Retaining Staff; and Parental Issues, plus helpful handouts. <http://www.antiochian.org/sites/antiochian.org/files/csdmanual2011.pdf>



## Orthodox Church in America's Department of Christian Education

Visit the Orthodox Church in America's Department of Christian Education website at <http://dce.oca.org>

### Resources include:

- ✝ **Complete (FOCUS) Units.** There are five units: Monasticism, Journey to Pascha, The Nativity Season, My Orthodox Family and The Theotokos. The units consist of 5-8 lessons written at five levels, preschool-adult.
- ✝ **Mini Units.** There are 15 multi-leveled units of 1-2 lessons, including Mission, Repentance and Champions of Faith.
- ✝ **Teacher Resources.** In this category, there are 182 articles, handouts, music, bible stories, tools and activities.



## Potamitis Publishing



"Potamitis Publishing publishes Orthodox children's books, in both English and Greek. Filled with lush and vibrant images, praised by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew the 1st, these books offer engaging stories that make Orthodox teachings accessible for little ones and adults alike.

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education sells a number of these books. For a full listing, go to Potamitis' website

<http://www.orthodoxchildrensbooks.com>

At their Orthodox Kids Corner website, Potamitis Publishing offers hundreds of free coloring pages (including icons), dot-to-dots, mazes, puzzles, and other activities, available for free download for personal and Sunday Church School use. You can also send e-cards.

## Orthodox Christian Craft Supply



<http://www.orthodoxchristiancraftsupply.com>

Orthodox Christian Craft Supply does all the work for you. No need to think of a craft idea and how to adapt it to Orthodoxy. No need to go to the craft store and realize they don't manufacture the supply you need. We've done all the research and legwork for your family or parish. All kits were designed to be constructed with basic craft supplies like markers and white glue. Craft Categories include:

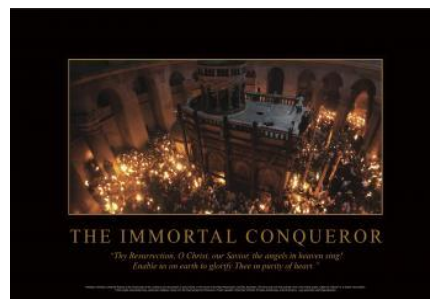
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| ✠ <a href="#">Nativity of the Theotokos</a> | ✠ <a href="#">Theophany</a>           | ✠ <a href="#">Pentecost</a>              |
| ✠ <a href="#">Elevation of the Cross</a>    | ✠ <a href="#">Meeting of the Lord</a> | ✠ <a href="#">Apostles' Fast</a>         |
| ✠ <a href="#">Entrance of the Theotokos</a> | ✠ <a href="#">Great Lent</a>          | ✠ <a href="#">Transfiguration</a>        |
| ✠ <a href="#">Thanksgiving</a>              | ✠ <a href="#">Annunciation</a>        | ✠ <a href="#">Dormition</a>              |
| ✠ <a href="#">St. Nicholas Day</a>          | ✠ <a href="#">Pascha</a>              | ✠ <a href="#">Gifts/Devotional Items</a> |
| ✠ <a href="#">Nativity of Christ</a>        | ✠ <a href="#">Ascension</a>           |  |

## Orthodox Inspirational Posters

### The Holy Land Poster Project - Connecting us to Jesus Christ

*Let's get back to basics—our faith, and our life itself, rests in a person who lived 2,000 years ago **and lives still**. Donate a poster to your church school and begin to surround the children with **images that remind them of the reality of Jesus!***

Posters are \$5.00 each and are sent in a mailing tube. The 5 x 7 poster photo prints are \$2 each and are sent in a cardboard mailing envelope. Please print out the order form and send a check to the *Antiochian Department of Christian Education*. The address is on the form. For the order form, go to [http://www.antiochian.org/sites/antiochian.org/files/order\\_form.pdf](http://www.antiochian.org/sites/antiochian.org/files/order_form.pdf)



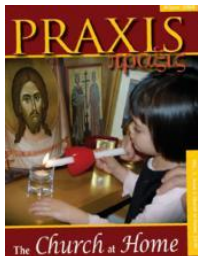
## Tithing Program 2009-2010

The tithing theme for 2009-2010 is *To Tithe Is to Show That We Care for the Church*. On this web page, you will find a set of parish posters, Teacher Notes, Student Booklets and other materials.

<http://www.antiochian.org/content/tithing-program-2009-2010>



## PRAXIS magazine



**PRAXIS** is a magazine published by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education. The magazine's format focuses on total parish education and includes catechetical material, religious home school lessons, leadership development, internet reviews and continuing education for Orthodox Christians. To subscribe, visit <http://www.religioused.goarch.org/praxis.asp> or call 800-566-1088 or 617-850-1218.

## Children's Orthodox Christian School Bulletin

*Children's Orthodox Christian School Bulletin*. St. Nicholas Orthodox Parochial School, Inc., Tarpon Springs, Florida, publishes the Children's Orthodox Christian School Bulletin weekly from September through June of each year. The bulletin is a copyrighted piece, which is distributed electronically to approximately 1,000 individuals and organizations in the United States, Canada and the Far East.

*PMO: The Bulletin is a creative tool to engage our children in learning more about the Gospel, the Saints and the Feasts with some fun along the way. Within its' eight pages (8.5"x11" folded), the well-balanced layout includes text, icons, artwork, maps and photographs. The Bulletin is directed to students ages 8 to 14, but has no problem identifying with high school students and is enjoyed by adults.*

Go to <http://www.stnicholasorthodoxchristianschool.org/>, click onto the *Childrens Bulletin* tab, and register. Registrants are emailed when each week's issue is ready to download.

