

# **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 Fall 2009 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 and 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 and Teacher guide
3. “Zine” - *Journey Through Holy Week* - Student and Teacher guide
4. “Zine” on the Liturgy **Due out in the Fall!**
5. “Zine” on Holy Communion **Due out in the Fall!**

### OCEC – Orthodox Christian Education Commission

6. *The Way The Truth The Life* (Everything one should know after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.) published by the OCEC
7. **6 High School Curriculum Units developed by the**
  1. *The Earth is the Lord’s*
  2. *Getting along with Parents*
  3. *God is Calling You!*
  4. *International Orthodoxy*
  5. *Reaching Out: Our Call to Minister*
  6. *What’s Love Got to Do with It? Everything!*

## Multiple-Age-Level Teaching Units

1. Learning Opportunities for Middle School & High School Summary and 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>