

**CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR TRACK**

**CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR SEMINAR: BASIC** - This is an introductory course designed for the first-time church school director as well as those directors who have never before participated in the basic seminar. You will receive a CSD Manual and learn the fundamentals of organizing a church school and planning throughout the year. *(Kh. Betty Randolph)*

**CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR SEMINAR: ADVANCED** - This course is intended for those who have previously taken the basic church school director course or those who have held the position for several years. Participants will gain insight from an experienced church school director who will bring all of her materials and handouts to share. *(Mary Anne Kourey)*

**\*NEW\* TITHING: "As for Me and My Household, We Will Serve the Lord."** - God has offered us salvation. What can we, in turn, offer to God? Using scripture as a guide, the course will explain how tithing is love in action, and will explore steps on the way to that goal. The Church School Tithing Lessons, to be introduced this fall, will be discussed. *(Carole Buleza)*

**IMPLEMENTING THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL & USING THE THEME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR** Attend this seminar and learn new ways to implement the Antiochian Archdiocese Creative Arts Festival in your parish and increase student participation. Lesson plans will be offered along with ideas on using the theme throughout the year. *(Kh. Leslee Abud)*

**\*NEW\* ORTHODOX CHILDREN'S MUSIC** - While Christian music in general is plentiful, very little can be found that is specific to Orthodox youth. Original Orthodox Christian music will be shared, along with movements, hands-on activities, and lessons to go along with it. The material presented can be used for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, or Family Nights. All songs have been kid- tested and approved! *(Gigi Shadid)*

**TEACHER TRAINING**

**\*NEW\* TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM** - *\*Please note: In order to receive teacher certification, all of the following courses must be taken: Overview of Orthodoxy, Introduction to Teaching, and Orientation to Curriculum.*

**\*OVERVIEW OF ORTHODOXY** - This is the first in the series of three courses being offered for teacher certification. It provides a foundation in Orthodox doctrine so the teacher may, in turn, properly instruct the students in the basic tenets of our faith. *(Carole Buleza)*

**\*INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING** - The second course in the teacher certification series will offer instruction in basic teaching techniques and how to write effective lesson plans. The developmental stages of children will also be discussed. *(Mat. Myra Kovalak)*

**\*ORIENTATION TO CURRICULUM** - This is the third and final course in the teacher certification program. The newest curriculum offerings will be introduced to those who will be using them. The other participants are asked to bring their current curriculum (both teacher and student book) along with a game or craft idea, ready to be copied, in order to share with other teachers. *(Fr. George Alberts, Robert Snyder, and Linda Funk)*

**ENRICHING THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE** - Learn how to enhance your lesson plans through the use of drama, music, art, and hands-on activities. The needs of special education students will be addressed, along with the many different ways children can learn. *(Kh. Gail Meena and Jacquelyn Fadel)*

**POSITIVE DISCIPLINE** - This course will address the causes of some behavior problems and how to prevent such problems from occurring. The keys to positive discipline will be discussed. *(Joseph Tershay)*

**ARTS AND CRAFTS** - Arts and crafts ideas will be offered for students of various age levels and differing degrees of skill. Everyone will take home samples and instruction sheets to share. *(Carol Alberts)*

**ORTHODOXY TRACK**

**\*NEW\* READING AND WRITING ICONS** - Learn about the origins of iconography in the Orthodox Church, the symbolic language of icons and the unique process involved in creating or "writing" icons. By God's grace, the process is meant to transform the writer, and eventually, those who pray before the icon to restore the image of God that lives within all of us. *(Fr. George Alberts and Billie Oldziej)*

**\*NEW\* ORTHODOX FAMILY LIFE** - Growing up Orthodox is a unique life experience, "a way of life." Throughout history, Orthodox parents have passed on the Faith in specific ways. What can parents do today to continue what our forefathers and mothers have done? How can we maintain an Orthodox family life in the 21st century? *(Phyllis Onest)*

**\*NEW\* SAINT** - The Orthodox understanding of saints, holiness, and veneration will be addressed. The lives and writings of various saints will be featured including St. Nicholas of Myra and St. Thekla. *(Kh. Anna Hughes)*

**\*NEW\* LITURGICAL TERMS** - Many of the words used to describe the Divine Liturgy have come to us from other languages. This course will explain the meaning of the terms, offer insight into the differences between eastern and western Christianity, and add to our appreciation of the movements used in our worship. *(Kh. Anna Hughes and Billie Oldziej)*

**\*NEW\* ORTHODOXY AND JUDAISM** - This course will compare and contrast Orthodoxy and Judaism on a few key doctrinal issues. It will provide students with a comparative activity for participation and discuss techniques that can be used when teaching other comparative courses. *(Robert Snyder)*

**\*NEW\* MORAL ISSUES OVERVIEW** - Issues surrounding dating, sex, pre-marital intimacy and marriage will be addressed from the Orthodox Christian Tradition. Other issues of concern, such as censorship and substance abuse will be discussed in light of Orthodox Christianity. *(Fr. Don Shadid)*