

## The Scope of our Program

Our Youth Ministry has developed a program designed to focus on the fundamentals of Orthodox education. Our goal is to provide students with a foundation of: Prayer, Doctrine, Worship [including the Divine Liturgy, the Church building, vestments, saints, icons, church calendar, and feast days], Scripture [OT and NT], Spirituality, Missions, and Church History.

To achieve this goal, we have put the following Scope in place:

### Preschool

Year 1 Jesus and OT/NT Saints

**Year 2 Creation and the Old Testament**

### Kindergarten—Grade 1

Year 1 How God Wants us to Live

**Year 2 The New Testament /The Sundays of Great Lent and Paschatide**

### Grades 2 - 3

Year 1 Journey through the Bible

**Year 2 Growing up loving God / Orthodox Sacraments**

### Grades 4 - 5

**Year 1 "What we See In an Orthodox Church"**

Year 2 The Divine Liturgy

### Middle School

Year 1 Living a Christian Life—Who is God, Who I am?

**Year 2 Creation and Salvation: Study of the Old Testament**

Year 3 Exploring the New Testament

### High School

**Year 1 Who Christ is: Study of Church History and the Councils**

Year 2 Christ of the New Testament

Year 3 Sacramental life with Christ

Year 4 What is Truth? - A study of the Orthodox Faith

**Bold** items are the curriculum for this year

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Sunday School Program?

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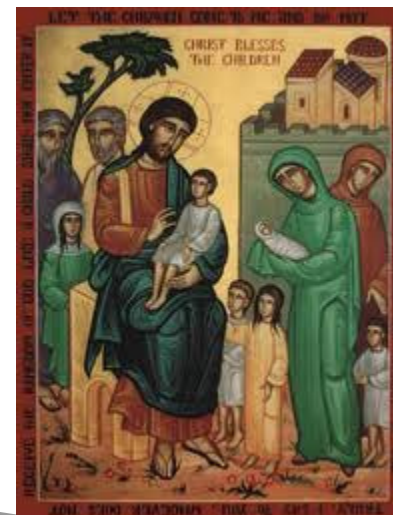
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## St. Justin Martyr Orthodox Church

*"Come to the Knowledge of the  
Truth" (1 Timothy 2:4)*

# Sunday School 2011-2012



# For Your Information...

- We begin Sunday School promptly at 9am. Out of respect for the teachers, arrive on time.
- Students are placed in classes according to the grade they are entering in the fall, or for Preschoolers, by their age as of Sept. 1st.
- We cannot move children to different grade levels. This causes frustration, disruption, and hurt feelings amongst the children.

## Important Dates:

September 18 - Sunday School Begins

November 27 - Sunday School recessed for Thanksgiving

December 18—January 1 - Nativity Break: Sunday School recessed

January 8 - Sunday School Resumes

April 8 - April 22 - Pascha Break: Sunday School recessed

May 20—Last day for Sunday School



## Sunday School Classes

**Preschool** Location: Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Judy Greenberg

**Kindergarten - Grade 1** Location: Fellowship Hall

Teachers: Bethany Johnson, Nick & Carrie Masanko

**Grade 2 - Grade 3** Location: Fellowship Hall

Teachers: Kathy Balek, Ondreia Harden

**Grade 4 - Grade 5** Location: Fellowship Hall

Teachers: Michael Greenan, Matushka Lee Ann

**Middle School** Location : Youth Ministry Building

Teachers: Bruce Humphrey, Tate Bennett

**High School** Location: Youth Ministry Building

Teachers: Dn Jacob, Andy Johnson



## This Year's Curriculum

All classes will study Missions, Prayer, and Stewardship throughout the year.

The Planned curriculum for the respective grades will be:

**Preschool 4 - Creation & the Old Testament** - Children are introduced to the Bible starting with Genesis, Adam and Eve, Noah, and other main figures of the Old Testament. Children will also learn about Christ's crucifixion and resurrection during Great Lent.

**Kindergarten—Grade 1 - The New Testament & the Sundays of Great Lent and Paschatide** - The Students will explore the Scriptures of the New Testament including the life and teachings of Jesus. The second half of the year will explore each Sunday's focus during Lent and Pascha.

**Grades 2 - 3—Growing in Love with God & the Sacraments—** Children will explore what it means to love God through basic scriptural teachings such as the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Additionally we will begin to explore participation in the church through the sacraments.

**Grades 4 - 5 - "What We See in an Orthodox Church"** Students will explore the Orthodox Church as experienced through our senses. They will include aspects of the faith such as structure of the church building, icons, incense, vestments, and sacraments etc. in order to give children an understanding of the richness of the Orthodox faith.

**Middle School - Journey through the Old Testament** - Students will discuss the account of salvation as presented in the Old Testament and discuss our faith and the relevance to our life today.

**High School - Who Christ Is** —A discussion based on explorations the Church's answer through the century to Christ's question: "Who do you say that I am?"

