

## 2008-2009 Religious Education Calendar

### September

- 1 Ecclesiastical New Year (Labor Day)
- 7 Sunday Church School (1)
- 8 **Feast Day - Nativity of the Theotokos**
- 12 Sister Magdalen, St. John the Baptist Orthodox Monastery, Essex, England, 7pm, "Busy Lives-Spiritual Lives."
- 13 Philoptochos/SCS Teachers & Staff  
Speaker, Sister Magdalen, "Adult Faith - Children's Faith", 10 am  
After lunch, "What is Catechism?"
- 14 **Feast Day - Elevation of the Holy Cross (strict fast)**  
Sunday Church School (2) - Grades 6-12, 10:30 - 11:30, small Martel Hall, Sister Magdalen, "God In My Life"
- 21 Sunday Church School (3)
- 28 Sunday Church School (4) - Souvlaki Sunday

### October

- 2-5 Greek Festival
- 5 No Sunday Church School (Greek Festival)
- 6 Feast Day - Thomas the Apostle of the 12
- 9 Feast Day - James the Apostle, Son of Alphaeus  
[Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(1\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 12 Sunday Church School (5)
- 16 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(2\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 18 Feast Day of Luke the Evangelist
- 19 Sunday Church School (6)
- 23 Feast Day - James the Apostle, brother of the Lord  
[Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(3\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 26 Sunday Church School (7) Feast Day of St. Demetrios  
**Sunday Church School Teachers & Staff Meeting-11:30-1 pm**
- 30 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(4\) 6:30 pm](#)

### November

- 1 Feast Day - Cosmas & Damianos, the Holy Unmercenaries
- 2 Sunday Church School (8)
- 6 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(5\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 8 Feast Day - Synaxis (Gathering) of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, and others
- 9 Sunday Church School (9) Feast Day - St. Nektarios

## November (Continued)

- 13 Feast Day - John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople  
[Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(6\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 14 Feast Day - Philip the Apostle, Gregory Palamas
- 15 Nativity Fast Begins
- 16 Sunday Church School (10) Feast Day - Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist
- 20 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(7\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 21 [Feast Day -Presentation of the Theotokos Into the Temple](#)
- 23 Sunday Church School (11)  
[Sunday Church School Teachers & Staff Meeting-11:30-1 pm](#)
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 30 Sunday Church School (12)

## December

- 4 Feast Day - Barbara the Great Martyr  
[Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(8\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 6 Feast Day - Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra
- 7 Sunday Church School (13)
- 9 Feast Day - Conception by St. Anna of the Holy Theotokos
- 11 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(9\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 13 Santa's Breakfast
- 14 Sunday Church School Christmas Program (14)
- 18 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(10\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 20 Choir Christmas Program & Luncheon
- 21 Sunday Church School (15)
- 25 [Feast Day - Nativity of Christ](#)
- 27 Feast Day - Stephen, Archdeacon and 1st Martyr
- 28 Holiday Break - No Sunday Church School

## January

- 1 [Feast Day - Circumcision of Jesus Christ,](#)  
Feast Day - St. Basil the Great
- 4 Sunday Church School (16)  
Vasilopita Sunday
- 6 [Feast Day - Epiphany \(Theophany\) of Christ](#)
- 7 Feast Day of Synaxis (Gathering) John the Baptist
- 11 Sunday Church School (17)  
[Sunday Church School Teachers & Staff Meeting-11:30-1 pm](#)
- 15 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(1\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 17 Feast Day - Anthony the Great

## January (Continued)

- 18 Sunday Church School (18)
- 16-19 **Metropolis Basketball Tournament, Albuquerque, New Mexico**
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(2\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 25 Sunday Church School (19)  
**Elementary St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, K, 1, 2 (10:30, small Martel Hall)**
- 29 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(3\) 6:30 pm](#)

## February

- 1 Sunday Church School (20)  
**Elementary St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, Grades 3-4, (10:30, small Martel)**
- 2 **Feast Day - Presentation of Christ**
- 5 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(4\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 6-7 **Retreat: "Celebrating Relationships," Facilitators: Father Tom & Presvytera Pat Tsagalakis, Seattle, WA**
- 8 **Triodion begins, Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**  
Sunday Church School (21)  
**Elementary St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, Grades 5-6, (10:30, small Martel)**  
**IOCC Dinner at AGOC**
- 12 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(5\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 15 **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
Sunday Church School (22)  
**Sunday Church School Teachers & Staff Meeting-11:30-1 pm**
- 19 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(6\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 21 First Saturday of the Souls
- 22 **Judgment Sunday - Sunday of Meat-fare**  
Sunday Church School (23)  
**Parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival (10:45 am, small Martel Hall)**
- 26 [Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life \(7\) 6:30 pm](#)
- 28 Second Saturday of the Souls

## March

- 1 **Forgiveness Sunday - Sunday of Cheese-fare**  
Sunday Church School (24)

## March (Continued)

- 2 **Great Lent begins...**
- 3 **Clean Monday Retreat...**
- 5 **Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life (8) 6:30 pm**
- 6 Salutations to the Theotokos, 7pm
- 8 Sunday Church School (25) **Sunday of Orthodoxy**
- 12 **Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life (9) 6:30 pm**
- 13 Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm
- 15 **Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**  
Sunday Church School (26)  
**Sunday Church School Teachers & Staff Meeting-11:30-1 pm**
- 19 **Introducing the Orthodox Church, Its Faith & Life (10) 6:30 pm**
- 20 Salutations to the Theotokos, 7pm
- 22 **Sunday of the Holy Cross**  
Sunday Church School (27)
- 25 **Feast Day - Annunciation**
- 27 Salutations to the Theotokos, 7pm
- 29 **Sunday of St. John Climacus**  
Sunday Church School (28)

## April

- 3 Akathist Hymn, 7pm
- 5 **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**  
Sunday Church School (29)
- 11 Saturday of Lazarus
- 12 **Palm Sunday (Western Easter)**  
Sunday Church School (30)
- 17 Good Friday
- 19 **PASCHA**
- 23 Feast Day - Great Martyr George
- 26 Sunday Church School (31) Thomas Sunday

## May

- 3 Sunday Church School (32)  
**Sunday Church School Teachers & Staff Meeting-11:30-1 pm**
- 10 Sunday Church School (33) Mother's Day
- 17 Sunday Church School (34) Attendance Honors,  
Last Day of Sunday Church School

## May (Continued)

- 21 Feast Day - Sts. Constantine & Helen
- 25 Memorial Day
- 28 **Ascension**
- 31 **Honoring Graduates of AGOC**

## June

- 6 Saturday of the Souls
- 7 **Pentecost**
- 8-12 **Vacation Bible School at Annunciation Cathedral, 9:30-12:30**
- 14 Sunday of All Saints
- 15 Holy Apostles Fast Begins
- 21 Father's Day
- 29 **Feast Day - Sts. Peter & Paul, the Holy Apostles**

## July

- 4 Independence Day
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## August

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- 6 **Feast Day - Transfiguration of Our Lord (fast)**
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- 15 **Feast Day - Dormition of the Theotokos**
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