

APOLUTIKION

Kanona pisteos ke ikona praotitos,
Engratias didaskalon anedixe se ti pimni sou
I ton pragmaton alithia:
dia touto ektiso ti tapinosi ta ipsila,
i ptohia apt ta plousia.
Pater ierarha Nikolae, presveve Christo to Theo
sothine tas psihias imon.

DISMISSAL HYMN

Tone IV.

The truth of your deeds has shown you to
your flock as a canon of the faith, an example of virtue,
and a teacher of abstinence; wherefore you did by
humility acquire greatness, and by poverty, riches
O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ
our God, that our souls may be saved.

APOLYTIKON

Echos Pl. IV

Agioi Anargyroi kai thavmatourgoi,
Episkepsasthe tas asthenias imon,
Dorean elavate, dorean dote imin

DISMISSAL HYMN

Tone Plagal IV

O holy and unmercenary Miracle-workers,
Visit our infirmities: freely you have received,
Freely give to us.

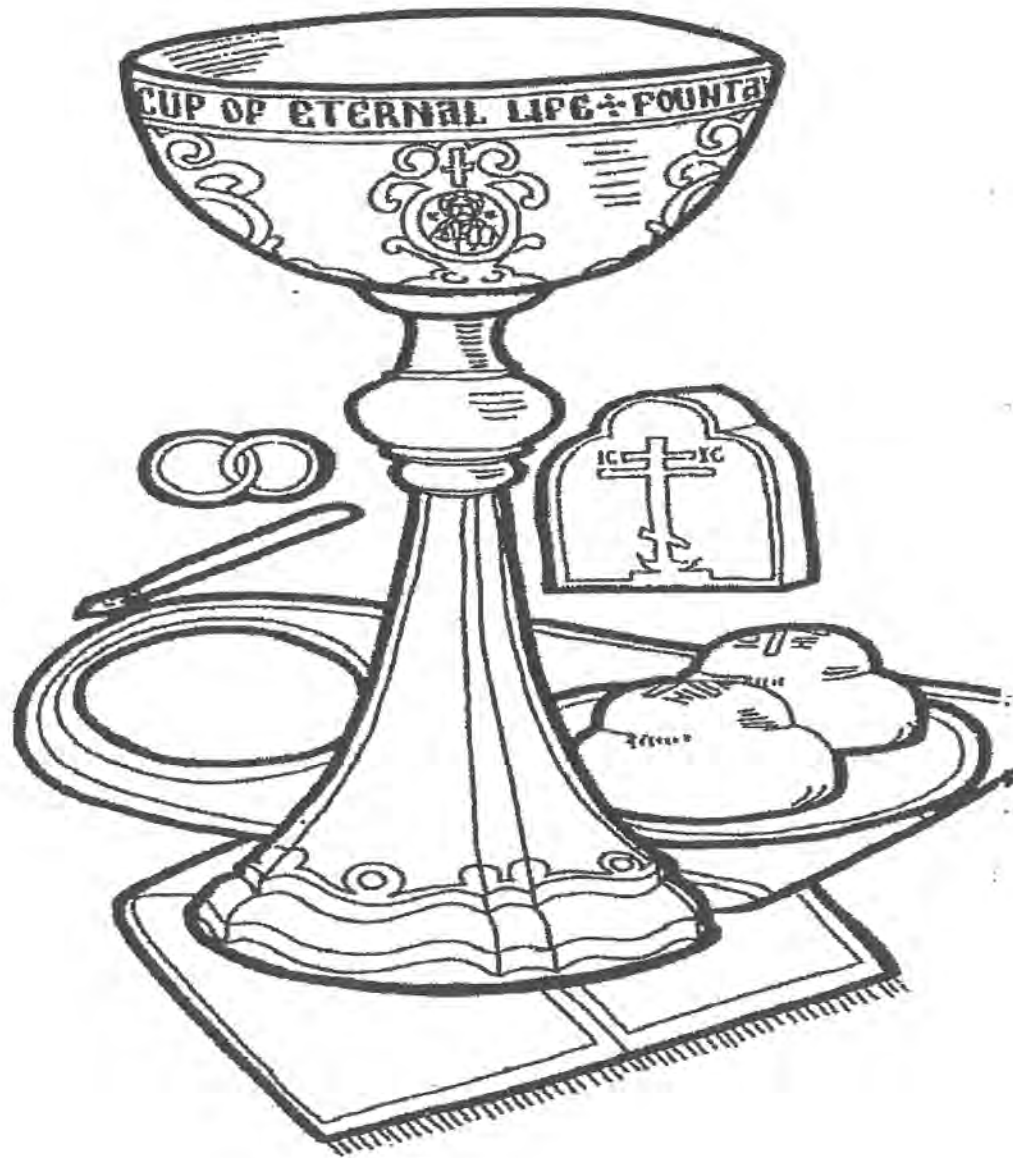
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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CHURCH SCHOOL HANDBOOK

2016-2017





FACULTY 2ND SESSION

SUPERVISOR: MRS. HELEN MISTHOS

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TODDLERS	TEACHER	MISS CALLY GLOTSOS
PRE-K	TEACHER	MISS CALLY GLOTSOS
KINDERGARTEN	TEACHER	MISS ANTONIA GALIOURIS
1 ST GRADE	TEACHER	MISS TINA PARTHENIS
2 ND GRADE	TEACHER	MRS. IRENE BELLOS POULOS
3 RD GRADE	TEACHER	MISS JOANNA GERMANIS
4 TH GRADE	TEACHER	MISS IRENE SKOCOS
5 TH GRADE	TEACHER	MRS. MARIA TEGERIDES
6 TH GRADE	TEACHER	MRS. MARIA ROUMBOS-CICHON
7 TH GRADE	TEACHER	MRS. THEODORA LEPERIDES
8 TH & 9 TH GRADES	TEACHER	MRS. STACY SKOCOS

FACULTY 1ST SESSION

TODDLERS	SUPERVISOR:	MRS. ALEXANDRA ZIMBERG
	TEACHERS	MRS. CRISSY GRINGAS
PRE-K	ASSISTANTS	
	TEACHERS	MRS. IRENE CAPOUS
	ASSISTANTS	
KINDERGARTEN	TEACHER	MISS DIANA DIAMANTIS
	ASSISTANTS	
1ST GRADE	TEACHER	MISS MARIA TRIANTAFELLOU
	ASSISTANTS	
2ND GRADE	TEACHERS	MRS. FOTINI HARITOS
	ASSISTANT	
3RD GRADE	TEACHER	MISS CHRYSANTHE SOLDATOS
	ASSISTANTS	
4TH GRADE	TEACHER	MRS. GEORGIA MANTEKAS
	ASSISTANTS	
5TH GRADE	TEACHERS	MRS. ANASTASA POLL
	ASSISTANT	
6TH GRADE	TEACHER	MR. PHILIP ADIKIMENAKIS
	ASSISTANT	
7^H GRADE	TEACHER	MR. CHRIS PANTAZIS
	ASSISTANTS	
8TH GRADE	TEACHER	MRS. MARIA GATANAS
	ASSISTANT	
9TH GRADE	TEACHER	MR. HARRY MALLIOS
	ASSISTANTS	
10, 11 & 12TH GRADES	TEACHER	MR. MANNY KRATSIOS
	ASSISTANTS	

**ST. NICHOLAS
CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM
+DIVINE LITURGY+**

CHURCH	CHAPEL
1st Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.	1st Chapel Service 8:45 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy 10:45 a.m.	2nd Chapel Liturgy 10:45 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 – JUNE 11, 2017

Fr. Paul PalestyProtopresbyter
Fr. Joakim ValasiadisPresbyter
Fr. Aristidis GarinisPresbyter

SUPERVISORS
Mrs. Alexandra Zimberg, 1st Session
Mrs. Helen Misthos, 2nd Session

Dear Parents,

Accept our gratitude for registering your child(ren) in our St. Nicholas Church School program. I'm confident that you will agree that we have an excellent volunteer staff. We are always striving to improve our program. If you have constructive suggestions, please feel free to share them.

Many of us place the major responsibility for religious education on the persons who fulfill these roles. We often forget what is less obvious, that without the cooperation and participation of the church members-parents, Parish Council, choir, etc., no education can take place. It is rather easy to criticize pastors and teachers maintaining a high level of interest or enthusiasm in learning activities in the parish, while we sit back and expect them to do their job. This is true with all undertaking in life. While not condoning the lack of such activity, we should also ask ourselves the following: Are parents bringing children regularly and on time to Liturgy and Church School classes?

Learning does not take place in a vacuum, it is not one-sided, but involves a relationship between Priests, teachers, children, adults, parents, indeed, all who consider themselves the "Body of Christ" – the Church. More important is the relationship of each of us with the "Teacher" of us all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us take the time to examine how well these educational relationships are functioning in our parish, so that together we may improve the quality of our religious education program.

I am looking forward to meeting and establishing our relationship in Christ, during the ensuing 2016/2017 Church School Year.

This is the least requirement of us, to be consistent with our attendance and on time.

Your spiritual father in Christ,

Fr. Paul Palesty

APRIL

2 Sunday	Family Worship
9 Sunday	No Classes/PALM SUNDAY
16 Sunday	No Classes/PASCHA
23 Sunday	Classes/Collect Mission Boxes

MAY

7 Sunday	Family Worship
14 Sunday	Classes
21 Sunday	Classes
28 Sunday	No Classes/ 1 LITURGY

JUNE

4 Sunday	No Classes/PENTECOST
11 Sunday	CHURCH SCHOOL PROMOTION AND AWARDS

DECEMBER

4 Sunday	Family Worship
11 Sunday	Classes
18 Sunday	Classes
25 Sunday	NO CLASSES

JANUARY

1 Sunday	Family Worship/NO CLASSES/1 LITURGY
8 Sunday	Classes
15 Sunday	Classes
29 Sunday	Classes

FEBRUARY

5 Sunday	Family Worship-Godparents' Breakfast in Sarantakos Hall
12 Sunday	Classes
19 Sunday	Classes
26 Sunday	Classes/Mission Boxes
27 Monday	Lent begins

MARCH

5 Sunday	Classes /SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 8:15
12 Sunday	Classes
18 Saturday	Confession 8:30 to 12:00
19 Sunday	Classes
24 Friday	Make-up Confession 3:30 to 5:00
26 Sunday	Classes

FASTING

There are two approaches to fasting in order to receive Holy Communion in the Church: The first is outlined below in detail for the entire year.

The second is a tradition which our grandparents have adopted that before receiving Communion you would fast the entire week a «strict fast», (e.g. no meat, fish, dairy or oil). Please speak to your Spiritual Father in confession as to how you ought to fast to help you grow closer to Jesus Christ.

The following are fast days and seasons:

1. The day before Epiphany – January 5th.
2. The last week before Great Lent, although dairy products may be eaten even on Wednesday and Friday.
3. Great Lent.
4. Holy Week.
5. Holy Apostles Lent: Pentecost this year falls on June 8th, therefore, the Fast of the Holy Apostles is from June 16th to June 28th and the Feast Day is June 29th.
6. Dormition of the Mother of God- Lent begins August 1st through August 14th.
7. Beheading of St. John the Baptist – August 29th.
8. Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 14th.
9. Christmas Lent – November 15th through December 24th.
10. All Wednesdays and Fridays, except those noted below.

The following days are fast days on which fish is permitted:

1. Annunciation Day – March 25th. If however, Annunciation day does not come during Lent, then the day is fast free.
2. Palm Sunday
3. Transfiguration of Christ – August 6th

The following days are completely fast free:

1. The first week of the Triodion, including Wednesdays and Fridays.
2. Easter Week.
3. The week following Pentecost.
4. December 25 through January 4th.

CONFESSION

Children from 2nd Grade on in the Church School Program, must participate in the Sacrament of Confession. The Church never condemns the person, but since sin takes away from the presence of God, it is sin that has to be expelled. You should therefore have a spiritual «check-up» to cleanse your soul and indeed guard you from any deadly diseases.

OFFERING

A minimal fee of \$25 will be charged at registration for each student. This fee is to defray the cost of books, visual aids, teachers' guides, awards and other educational items. Please register your child on time in order to ensure that they acquire perfect attendance.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Starting Sunday, November 6, 2016 and as listed in the Calendar, approximately once a month will be dedicated to Family Worship. The students and their parents are asked to attend the Divine Liturgy and to receive Holy Communion together as a family. The students will be given an attendance slip to fill out and returned to the Church School Office to the person in charge. (These slips will be accepted until the reading of the Gospel only). Parents, you are the greatest teachers your children have. If you don't receive Holy Communion they probably won't either when they perceive the double standards in your lives. Please use the handbook on a weekly basis to know what is happening each Sunday.

GODPARENT SUNDAY

February 5, 2016 has been set aside as Godparent Sunday. We ask that you and your children invite their Godparents and ask that they attend Church breakfast in their honor. Please make every effort to renew the spiritual relationship between your family and the student's Godparents.

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

11 Sunday
15 Thursday

Registration after Divine Liturgy
7:00-8:00 PM Registration

18 Sunday

1st day of Classes/No Chapel
2nd through 12th to School Hall
Toddlers through 1st grade meet in school lobby

25 Sunday

Classes-No Chapel
2nd through 12th to school hall
toddlers through 1st grade students meet in entrance

OCTOBER

2 Sunday
9 Sunday
16 Sunday
23 Sunday
30 Sunday

Classes NO CHAPEL
NO CLASSES /1 Liturgy
Classes-1st day of Chapel Services
Classes
Classes

NOVEMBER

6 Sunday
13 Sunday
20 Sunday
27 Sunday

Family Worship
Classes
Classes
Classes

CURRICULUM

- ToddlerTHE WONDER OF IT ALL Focus on every day life.
Pre-Kindergarten....THE ROAD TO JESUS AND NEAR THE LORD
Kindergarten.....WHAT WE SEE AND DO IN CHURCH
1st Grade.....GOD LOVES US God's love and care for all people,
especially the child, giving and sharing forgiveness and celebration.
2nd Grade.....COMING CLOSER TO GOD- Presents the Sacraments of
Baptism, Chrismation & Communion. Then introduces
student to Sacrament of Confession.
3rd Grade.....WE WORSHIP IN CHURCH - Features the first complete
introduction to the Divine Liturgy.
4th Grade.....JESUS, THE PROMISE OF GOD - The study and
teachings of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.
5th Grade.....OUR LIFE IN THE CHURCH - The description and
meaning and practice of the Sacraments.
6th Grade.....IN THE BEGINNING - The Old Testament of the Bible is
explained. Why the Old Testament? The Law, History,
and the Prophets.
7th Grade.....THE YOUNG CHURCH - the early years of the
Church from Pentecost to the early Fathers.
8th Grade.....TEENAGE TEN COMMANDMENTS - Brief review of
the Old Testament and then devotes one chapter of each
of the Ten Commandments.
9th Grade.....BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION - The life of Christ
and contemporary issues.
10th, 11th & 12th OPEN DISCUSSION – History of the Orthodox Church &
Contemporary Moral Issues Facing Our Youth Today.

ATTENDANCE

Students are allowed to have one unexcused absence. Tardiness is not excused. However, if you are unable to attend the session for which you are registered you may attend the other session and notify the Supervisor of that session and you will receive credit for attendance (see page 3 for starting times). If a student attends liturgy at another Church, an attendance slip (listed below) should be filled in and taken to church with you for the priest or church supervisor to sign. More attendance notes are available in the church school office. Most importantly next to good attendance for the attendance award, is your behavior in class. Behavior must be Christ-like, as it is Him we are trying to imitate.

This is to certify that

visited the _____ of

at _____ on _____ 200__

signed _____

Title

BEFORE STUDY

Most blessed Lord: Send down upon us the gift of your Holy Spirit, to endow and confirm our spiritual insight that giving heed to the instruction imparted to us, we may increase therein to Thy Glory, O our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE SAINT WHOSE NAME YOU BEAR

Pray to God for me, O Saint _____ well pleasing to God for I eagerly present myself to you who are the speedy helper and intercessor for my soul.

GRANDPARENT SUNDAY

March 2017 we are going to honor one of the major influences of our spiritual growth. This year we are going to have a Grandparent Sunday. On this day the students are asked to attend Church with their Grandparents and pray and receive Holy Communion together.

BIBLE STUDY

You are all invited to hear the Word of God at the Bible Classes. We are given the opportunity to go through the Scriptures, become enlightened on the word of God and learn more about our Orthodox Faith. The Bible Classes will begin Wednesday, October and are held every Wednesday evening following the PARAKLESIS TO THE VIRGIN MARY WHICH BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.

TEST FOR SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOLS

If your child is taking the test for one of the special Schools, such as Stuyvesant or Bronx School of Science, and the student is scheduled to go on a Sunday, he/she should contact the guidance counselor of their school and tell them they cannot take the test on a Sunday morning for religious reasons. The counselor will contact the High School and arrange to have the test given on a day other than a Sunday.