

# Orthodox Christian Education Commission



**2022-2023 Catalog and Order Form**

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## How to Use This Catalog

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The OCEC Catalog is arranged for the convenience of the users according to graded, core, and supplemental materials and purposes. You will note while looking through the catalog that “Teacher Aides,” graded materials, “Pamphlets,” and “Supplements/Home Materials” are listed separately. The graded materials are listed for the suggested grade use. You may, however, decide to use them above or below their suggested level. Only you can make this decision because only you know the children with whom you will be working. Within each grade, the core curriculum or the “must have” materials are described first and supplementary materials are listed thereafter. In every case we have listed whether an item is for the student or for the teacher.

*Please note:* for Senior High and Adult use we have designated in several cases the same materials and programs. These are designated as Programs followed by a letter (e.g. Program A). If you need help working with this catalog or with the OCEC curriculum, please call the sales office and we will do our best to help you.

Orders may be mailed or placed by telephone with our sales office in Syracuse, NY. Please call 1-800-464-2744 or 315-428-1566 between 2 and 7 pm (eastern time), Monday through Friday.

## About the OCEC

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The Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC) was founded in 1957 by a group of Orthodox theologians and educators as a forum to exchange ideas and to search for solutions to common educational problems. The most important function of the OCEC is the development and production of a graded textbook series for church school use. It publishes materials for home and other uses. The OCEC offers training and workshops for Christian educators.

The OCEC textbooks present the teachings of the Orthodox Church incrementally. For greatest effectiveness, we encourage you not to “mix and match” items from other sources when using the OCEC graded texts.

This catalogue and order form are self-explanatory and are laid out in such a way as to enable you to see what is essential and what is supplementary to the basic resources. We are interested in your experiences with our materials. We would appreciate having your recommendations for making the texts more effective in any parish situation. We look forward to serving you and your parish in fulfilling the educational ministry of the Orthodox Church. For more information about the OCEC, visit our website [www.orthodoxchristianed.com](http://www.orthodoxchristianed.com)

## About the OCEC

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The OCEC is an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. Each member jurisdiction is invited to send a representative to the commission.

Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese Oakland, Charleston, and the Mid-Atlantic Antiochian Archdiocese, President

Vice-President/Executive Secretary - to be announced

Recording Secretary - to be announced

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Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

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Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA

## Coordinating a Program for the Size of Your School

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Not all churches have enough children to allow for separate grades in the church school. Several grades must be combined together in the same classroom. The open classroom concept is hardly new and has been developed in the public schools for years. It helps for us to think of those small schools as a small family living and learning about God together.

A basic lesson can be taught to the whole group, and then children divide up into small groups or individually, according to age, work abilities, and interests. Projects all play a great part in such situations, and these activities must be worked out in advance and student-initiated. Older students need more challenge to understand and study the theme or concepts on their own level, at their own speed. Younger students need more teacher guidance and involvement.

Here a few ways to organize this using the OCEC materials.

### **One Classroom School**

Although one class is possible, it is better to divide up into at least two groups for lessons. Where this is not possible, the home study book “Way of Life: Introducing Your child to the Orthodox Faith” can be used as an umbrella program for all ages. The material can be used as an umbrella program for all ages and can be divided to cover two years. The themes are the section headings from the book. The books in italics are OCEC manuals that can be used.

**First year:** Church—New Life in Jesus/New Life in the Church; Advent/Nativity—In the Beginning; Lent/Pascha—Making Things Right/Jesus, the Promise of God

**Second year:** Feast—Together with God; Home—The Wonder of it All/God, My Friends & Me; Major Saints—God Loves Us/Our Life in the Church

Note: In the following sections the first book mentioned should be used this year. Other books can be used in succeeding years. Pre-school children have such unique needs that no matter the number, they should be placed in a separate area, using Pre-school manuals.

### **Two Classroom School**

#### **1. Kindergarten–Second Grade**

Use Together With God;  
Then God Loves Us, New Life in Jesus/Making Things Right

#### **2. Third–Sixth Grade**

Use New Life in the Church;  
Then Jesus, the Promise of God, Our Life in the Church, In the Beginning

### **Three Classroom School**

#### **1. Pre-School–First Grade**

Use The Wonder of it All/God, My Friends, & Me; Then Together With God;  
Then God Loves Us

#### **2. Second–Third Grade**

Use New Life in Jesus/Making Things Right;  
Then New Life in the Church

#### **3. Fourth–Sixth Grade**

Use Jesus, The Promise of God;  
Then Our Life in the Church, In the Beginning

### **Four Classroom School**

#### **1. Pre-School–First Grade**

Use The Wonder of it All/God, My Friends, & Me; Then Together With God;  
Then God Loves Us

#### **2. Second–Third Grade**

Use New Life in Jesus/Making Things Right;  
Then New Life in the Church

#### **3. Fourth–Sixth Grade**

Use Jesus, The Promise of God;  
Then Our Life in the Church

#### **4. Sixth–Seventh Grade**

Use In the Beginning;  
Then Young Church

Teens—Separate programs and classes should be arranged. Where numbers are very low, youth could serve as junior teachers with responsibility of helping and mastering the content.

**Total Parish Education***Curriculum for the Christian Home and Parish*

The curriculum of the OCEC enables parishes to evaluate materials as well as the methods by which they are taught. It enables parishes in unique situations to develop their own curriculum. The Curriculum is outlined in the accompanying "Scope and Sequence" chart which shows which materials are taught in each grade level.

The goal of the OCEC curriculum essentially is preaching the Gospel and integrating the whole person into the life of the Church. This is summarized in our "Total Parish Education" approach to education for all age groups. All members of the parish are teachers and all are learners throughout all stages of life. No curriculum is perfect. All people learn differently and all materials can be organized in different ways.

The curriculum has a formal aspect which is listed in the table of contents: experience and explanation, cognition and affection, the theme, intentionality, graded materials, categories of planning and evaluation, curriculum content, teacher guides, adapting to a small church school, application to home use, and the curriculum in the day school.

**Scope and Sequence Chart**

The "Scope and Sequence" chart presents a synopsis of the OCEC curriculum under five major categories: Biblical, Church History and Tradition, Liturgical (under two sub-categories of Prayer, Worship & Sacrament), Doctrine, and Spiritual/Moral Development. It includes a section on the stages of faith and their application to Christian development in the home and church. It also describes the

birth to toddler age (for which there is no formal curriculum) providing brief information and ideas for parents. This 24.75" by 19.75" chart can be mounted for display.

**Orthodox Faith Volume I: Doctrine**

152-page introduction to the major sources of Christian doctrine, step-by-step explanation of the Creed, and a chapter on the Holy Trinity. Includes a basic bibliography.

**Orthodox Faith Volume III: Bible and Church History**

234-page explanation of the contents and interpretation of the Bible; plus a basic historical presentation to the Church, emphasizing the main theological, liturgical, and spiritual developments of each century.

**Orthodox Faith Volume IV: Spirituality**

200-page introduction to the main themes of Christian life: prayer, fasting, repentance, the virtues, witness in the world, and communion with God. Contains an excellent chapter on Christian virtue as expressed in the Beatitudes.

**Youth Dynamics (Tapes)**

This 4-tape series, which includes extensive study guide, recommended activities, and films covers topics such as recruiting and training youth volunteers, activities for high school classes, an introduction to adolescents and how they grow and develop.

**Our Church and Our Children**

This re-release of a classic work by distinguished religious educator Sophie Koulomzin addresses the task of Christian education, the challenges and opportunities of the church school, and a vision for the Christian teacher. The contents of the book comprise a deep understanding of children, as wise appropriation of educational and developmental theory, a lived knowledge of the Orthodox faith tradition, and a keen sense of Orthodox church life in America. With a new Forward and Study Guide by Ann Mitsakos Bezzerides, it makes an excellent book for either group or personal study and is an indispensable resource for Christian educators.



## Pre-School

### Basic Manual (for 3 Year Olds)

#### *The Wonder of It All*

**Teacher's Guide:** A complete program in teacher's guide format offers the preschooler twenty-four sessions of carefully planned activities on every day life



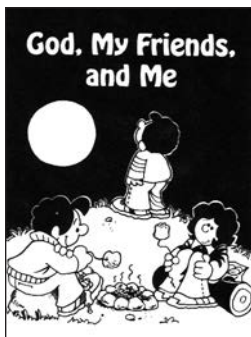
themes—growth, food, playing, plants. The program aims to build an awareness of the wonders of the natural world as a basis for a liturgical sense of wonder and awe and a foundation for prayer. Includes songs, dances, and hand activities.

**Pupil's Manual:** Take-home sheets included for each lesson try to encourage family involvement in the child's religious growth and development.

### Basic Manual (for 4 Year Olds)

#### *God, My Friends, and Me*

**Teacher's Guide:** This preschool program picks up where *The Wonder of It All* leaves off. It is another complete program in a teacher's guide format consisting of thirty lessons which focus on everyday life themes. The program emphasizes the importance of the relationship among friends, family and God in the homes and



the Church. Like the *Wonder of It All*, it attempts to use these everyday situations as the basis for encouraging Christian awareness of loving fellowship. It includes Bible stories, songs, dances, and finger plays for the four year old.

**Pupil's Manual:** Take-home sheets included for each lesson try to encourage family involvement in the child's religious growth and development.

### Supplements

For complete descriptions see **Supplements/Home Materials P. 21**

### Home

- The Biggest Birthday Party

## Kindergarten

### Basic Manual

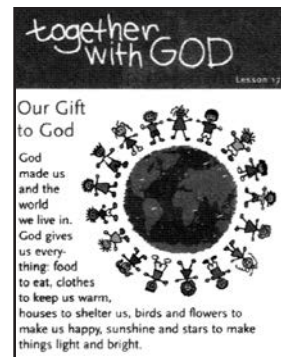
#### *Together With God*

**Teacher's Guide:** The purpose of this program is to introduce the young child to the liturgical life of the Church. It is designed to be used in conjunction with the pupil manual. This interactive guide contains lesson plans which emphasize key concepts and a craft or activity to reinforce each lesson.



**Teacher's Guide on CD:** It has the same teacher aids and lessons as the printed manual. It is possible to view and print out individual pages of the lessons and graphics in full color on your personal computer.

**Pupil's Manual:** A series of thirty-one four-page lesson folders, designed for both class and home use. The lessons are complete with updated photos, illustrations and a simple text. It introduces the child to the Divine Liturgy and some of the major Church feasts and civil holidays with a religious meaning.



### Supplements

For complete descriptions see **Supplements/Home Materials P. 21**

- Lenten Lotto
- Teaching Pics

### Home

- My Lenten Journey
- The Biggest Birthday Party

## First Grade

### Basic Manual

#### *God Loves Us*

**Teacher's Manual:** This first grade program consists of thirty lessons, presented in a detailed and self-contained teacher's guide. These lessons lead the children to experience God as our living, caring, and forgiving Father, Who is ever-present, and Whose love is life-giving. Developmentally appropriate for children of this age/grade level, *God Loves Us* builds on the child's own experiences and leads him/her to an increased awareness of his/her relationships with God and with others.



**Pupil's Manual:** The Student Activity Packet consists of individual worksheets to accompany the lessons and activities presented in the Teacher's Manual. These worksheets will be used in class and/or at home, as prescribed by each individual lesson.

## Supplements

For complete descriptions see **Supplements/Home Materials P. 21**

- Lenten Lotto
- Teaching Pics

## Home

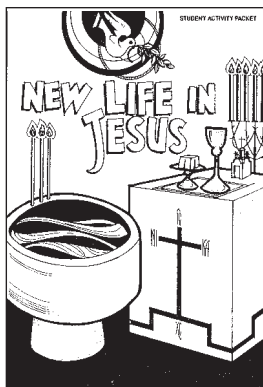
- The Biggest Birthday Party
- My Lenten Journey

# Second Grade

## Basic Manual

### *New Life in Jesus*

**Teacher's Manual:** The Second Grade Program is made up of two parts: The FIRST PART presents the Mysteries or Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist.



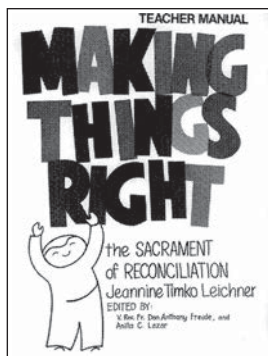
**Pupil's Manual:** A Student Activity Packet accom-

panies the FIRST PART that presents the Mysteries or Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist. This packet provides individual worksheets to be used in class or at home, as directed by the lessons in the Teacher Manual.

## *Making Things Right*

**Teacher's Manual:** Part Two of the second grade

program, Making things Right, consists of 12 lessons introducing students to the Mystery or Holy Sacrament of Confession or



Reconciliation. It is intended to be used after Part One, New Life in Jesus. (It can also be used as a separate program to prepare children to make their first Confession.)

**Pupil's Manual:** The student manual is a 46 page booklet which will be presented as directed in the Teacher's Manual. Various activities in the booklet encourage students to think about forgiveness in their lives, how choices affect others and the process of "making things right". God's constant and forgiving love is apparent throughout the book.

**Student Activity Packet:** This packet consists of supplemental materials not included in the Pupil's manual. It is to be used as directed in the Teacher's Manual.

### *God Is With Us*

An Orthodox book of children's Bible stories, colorfully illustrated. A "must" for this year's curriculum. Excellent for both home and school use.

## Supplements

For complete descriptions see

**Supplements/Home Materials P. 21**

- The Divine Liturgy for Children
- The Divine Liturgy Activity Book
- My Book of Prayers
- Build Your Own: Church
- Build Your Own: Iconostasis & Altar
- Build Your Own: Bishop, Priest & Deacon

- Lenten Lotto
- Teaching Pics

## Home

- The Biggest Birthday Party
- My Lenten Journey

# Third Grade

## Basic Manual

### *New Life in the Church*

**Teacher's Guide:** This program develops the child's awareness that the New Life received



from Christ, through the Sacraments (Baptism, Chrismation, Confession and the Eucharist), is shared with

others within the Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Teacher's Guide includes teacher resource materials, notes on planning ahead, letter to parents, and a section on story review techniques and reinforcement activities.

**Pupil's Manual:** A thirty-lesson manual supplemented by Bible story materials or stories in church history to illustrate theories and concepts. Each lesson includes a time-line to put stories in perspective, illustrations, activities and notes to parents to encourage family involvement.

## Additional Materials

### *We Worship God in Church*

**Teacher's Guide:** This program features the first complete introduction to the Divine Liturgy for the primary-age child. Lessons are supplemented by Bible story materials to help illustrate liturgical themes and concepts.



**Pupil's Manual:** An activity workbook with 28 lessons, coordinated with the Teacher's Guide for this grade. It includes illustrations, text, directions, and things to do in order to reach the basic concepts of the lessons presented in class.

## Supplements

For complete descriptions see **Supplements/Home Materials P. 21**

- Biblical and Liturgical Charts
- The Divine Liturgy for Children
- The Divine Liturgy Activity Book
- The Divine Liturgy
- Making Things Right (see description on page 6)
- My Book of Prayers
- Build Your Own: Church
- Build Your Own: Iconostasis & Altar
- Build Your Own: Bishop, Priest & Deacon
- Lenten Lotto
- Lenten Workbook
- Praise the Lord
- Icon Book
- Teaching Pics

## Home

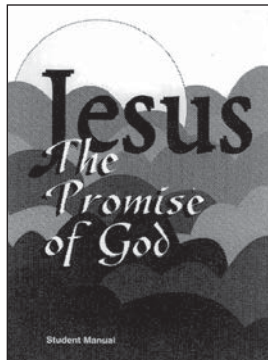
- The Biggest Birthday Party
- My Lenten Journey

## Fourth Grade

### Basic Manual

#### *Jesus, The Promise of God*

**Teacher's Guide:** The revised teacher text, with a new cover design, includes an additional section that teaches the study of the Bible using lessons in the Pupil's manual. The lessons in the rest of the text are based on the events and teachings in the life of Christ. The Teacher's Manual includes a *Planning Ahead* section, as in the new third grade curriculum, to assist in planning and preparation of future lessons. To further assist teachers, the book is also divided into units and sections for quick and easy reference.



**Pupil's Manual:** The revised manual, with a new cover design, includes a section on the structure and use of the Bible. Photographs have been updated or replaced with new illustrations. A *Note to Parents* section encourages follow up at home. New and revised activities are included.

### *Finding Your Way Through the Bible*

A self-instruction book that will help the student become familiar with the Bible, how it is divided and how to look up passages. Students can work in class or at home, at their own rate. A great addition to this program.

## Supplements

For complete descriptions see **Supplements/Home Materials P. 21**

- Biblical and Liturgical Charts
- The Divine Liturgy for Children
- The Divine Liturgy Activity Book
- The Divine Liturgy
- My Book of Prayers
- Build Your Own: Church
- Build Your Own: Iconostasis & Altar
- Build Your Own: Bishop, Priest & Deacon
- Lenten Workbook
- Praise the Lord
- Icon Book
- Teaching Pics

## Home

- The Biggest Birthday Party
- My Lenten Journey



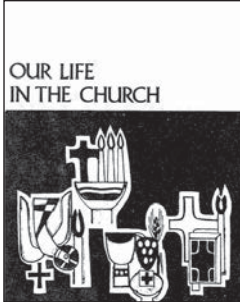
## Fifth Grade

### Basic Manual

#### *Our Life in the Church*

**Teacher's Guide:** The description, meaning, and practices of the Sacraments.

The text focuses primarily on the child's participation in the Sacraments and relates them to life themes and church responsibilities. Attention is given to biblical and doctrinal concepts.



**Pupil's Manual:** An activity workbook with twenty-nine lessons, coordinated with the Teacher's Guide for this grade. It includes illustrations, text, and questions in order to teach the basic concepts of the lesson presented in class.

### Supplements

For complete descriptions see **Supplements/Home Materials P. 22**

- Biblical and Liturgical Charts
- The Divine Liturgy for Children
- The Divine Liturgy Activity Book
- The Divine Liturgy
- My Book of Prayers
- Build Your Own: Church
- Build Your Own: Iconostasis & Altar
- Build Your Own: Bishop, Priest & Deacon
- Lenten Workbook
- Praise the Lord
- Icon Book
- If We Confess Our Sins
- Teaching Pics

### Home

- The Biggest Birthday Party
- My Lenten Journey

## Sixth Grade

### Basic Manual

#### *In The Beginning*

**Teacher's Guide:** The topic of this year's study is the Old Testament: its people, places, main events and literature.

Lessons are a combination of explanatory and descriptive text, and actual reading of Biblical texts.

One unit is devoted to exploring the importance and relevance of the Old Testament in the Church and in our lives today.

**Pupil's Manual:** A thirty-lesson manual, which includes explanatory text, maps, photographs, illustration, Biblical quotations, activities and worksheets, coordinated with the Teacher's Guide, serves as an introductory study of the Old Testament.



#### *Exploring How the Bible Came to Be*

A self-instruction book that will help the student become familiar with the Bible; how it is divided; how to look up passages; how it was formed in Old and New Testament periods. Students can work in class or at home at their own rate. A "must" for this program.

### Supplements

For complete descriptions see **Supplements/Home Materials P. 22**

- Biblical and Liturgical Charts
- The Divine Liturgy for Children
- The Divine Liturgy Activity Book
- The Divine Liturgy
- My Book of Prayers
- Build Your Own: Church
- Build Your Own: Iconostasis & Altar
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- Lenten Workbook
- Praise the Lord
- Icon Book
- Teaching Pics

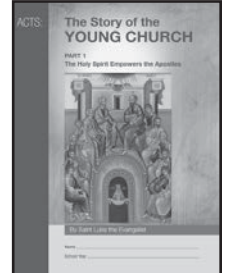
## Seventh Grade

(Can also be used for eighth grade or a combined seventh/eighth grade level.)

### Basic Manual

#### *Acts: The Story of the Young Church*

**Teacher's Guide:** Motivating the student to become totally immersed in *Acts* is taken into consideration with each lesson plan. Not only are there objectives with each lesson, but suggestions for lively discussions, helpful visual aids, competitive games, Internet use, and enrichment material. Background information is provided with each lesson to equip the teacher with confidence in tackling the challenge to make the study of the Book of Acts an impressive and memorable experience.



**Students's Manual:** This series walks the student through the *Book of Acts*, one of the most exciting books of the New Testament. The stories of the Apostles and especially Saint Paul provide the perfect example of Christian fortitude and purpose.

There are two workbooks presented in an interactive format designed to engage the student in Bible research, discussion, and related activities. Eye-catching illustrations and targeted questions will keep the student focused and interested in each lesson. Not only will the student witness the spread of the Early Church, but will be challenged to apply lessons to everyday life as an Orthodox Christian.

**Part I: The Holy Spirit Empowers the Apostles:** 12 lessons - Covers the Ascension to the conversion of the Gentiles. (Acts 1 through Acts 11:18).

**Part 2: Missionary Journeys of Saint Paul:** 10 lessons - Covers Paul's First Missionary Journey to his imprisonment in Rome. (Acts 11:19 through Acts 28.)

### Supplements

**Supplements/Home Materials P. 21**

- Teaching Pics
- Icon Packet: Come Bless the Lord

# Order Form

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

TITLE		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL COST	FOR OFFICE USE
<b>TEACHER AIDES</b>					
Total Parish Education		4.00			
Scope and Sequence		1.00			
Orthodox Faith I: Doctrine	O	6.50			
Orthodox Faith III: Bible & Church History	O	6.50			
Orthodox Faith IV: Spirituality	O	6.50			
Youth Dynamics (Tapes)	A	25.00/set			
Our Church and Our Children	O	18.00			
<b>PRE-SCHOOL</b>					
The Wonder of it All - Teacher*		11.00			
The Wonder of it All - Pupil		9.50			
God, My Friends, and Me - Teacher*		9.95			
God, My Friends, and Me - Pupil		7.70			
<b>KINDERGARTEN</b>					
Together With God - Teacher Paper		25.95			
Together With God - Teacher CD		12.95			
Together With God - Pupil		18.50			
<b>FIRST GRADE</b>					
God Loves Us - Teacher*		14.95			
God Loves Us - Pupil		9.95			

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\*Please note that each teacher must purchase a separate text for his/her use.

TITLE		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL COST	FOR OFFICE USE
<b>SECOND GRADE</b>					
New Life in Jesus - Teacher*		16.95			
New Life in Jesus - Pupil		9.95			
Making Things Right - Teacher*		11.95			
Making Things Right - Pupil		7.50			
Making Things Right - Activity Packet		4.50			
God is With Us - Teacher*	O	10.00			
<b>THIRD GRADE</b>					
New Life in The Church - Teacher*		11.95			
New Life in The Church - Pupil		11.00			
We Worship God in Church - Teacher*		9.00			
We Worship God in Church - Pupil		8.50			
<b>FOURTH GRADE</b>					
Jesus, the Promise of God - Teacher*		12.00			
Jesus, the Promise of God - Pupil		11.00			
Finding Your Way Through the Bible (pupil)		6.95			
<b>FIFTH GRADE</b>					
Our Life in the Church - Teacher*		11.95			
Our Life in the Church - Pupil		7.95			

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TITLE		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL COST	FOR OFFICE USE
<b>SIXTH GRADE</b>					
In the Beginning - Teacher		10.95			
In the Beginning - Pupil		9.95			
Exploring How the Bible Came to Be - Pupil		7.95			
<b>SEVENTH GRADE</b>					
Acts: The Story of the Young Church - Teacher*		16.00			
Acts: The Story of the Young Church - Pupil - Part 1		9.00			
Acts: The Story of the Young Church - Pupil - Part 2		9.00			
Acts: The Story of the Young Church - Pupil - Parts 1 and 2 set		13.00			
Teaching Pics		39.00			
Icon Packet: Come bless the Lord	B	24.00			
<b>EIGHTH GRADE (AND HIGH SCHOOL. NOT FOR A 6TH-7TH-8TH GRADE MIXED CLASS)</b>					
The Way, The Truth, and The Life - Teacher		21.95			
The Way, The Truth, and The Life - Student		17.95			
The Orthodox Life Award (Pendant)		7.50			
The Orthodox Life Award Certificate (Package of 10)		10.00			
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL CURRIUCLUM</b>					
What Would You Do?		7.00			
The First 800 Years		7.00			
My Body, My Spirit		7.00			
The Work of Salvation		7.00			
<b>JUNIOR HIGH</b>					
Heroes for Truth - Teacher*		10.00			
Heroes for Truth - Pupil	A	7.50			
Heroes for Truth - Activity Worksheets		4.00			
New Frontiers - Teacher*		12.95			
New Frontiers - Pupil	O	12.00			
New Frontiers - Activity Worksheets		3.00			

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TITLE		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL COST	FOR OFFICE USE
<b>SENIOR HIGH AND ADULT PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>PROGRAM A</b>					
The Way, The Truth, and The Life - Teacher		21.95			
The Way, The Truth, and The Life - Pupil		17.95			
The Orthodox Life Award (Pendant)		7.50			
The Orthodox Life Award Certificate (package of 10)		10.00			
<b>PROGRAM B</b>					
Celebration: Feast and Holy Days - Teacher*		11.50			
Celebration: Feast and Holy Days - Pupil		10.95			
Icon Pack: Come Bless the Lord	B	24.00			
<b>PROGRAM C</b>					
Orthodox Faith I: Doctrine	O	6.50			
Orthodox Faith III: Bible & Church History	O	6.50			
Orthodox Faith IV: Spirituality	O	6.50			
<b>PROGRAM D</b>					
Second Helping I & II (set)		8.00			

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TITLE		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL COST	FOR OFFICE USE
<b>PROGRAM G: ACTIVE LEARNING SERVICE</b>					
The Earth Is the Lord's: Caring for God's Creation	O	5.00			
God is Calling You: Exploring God's Purpose For Your Life	O	5.00			
Teach All Nations: The Church Grows Around The World	O	5.00			
What's Love Got To Do With It? Everything!	O	5.00			
Reaching Out: Our Call to Minister	O	5.00			
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
Second Time Around	A	6.00			

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TITLE		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL COST	FOR OFFICE USE
<b>PHAMPLETS</b>					
Baptism	O	5.00			
Holy Matrimony	O	4.00			
If We Confess Our Sins	O	6.00			
The Divine Liturgy	O	1.00			
My Book of Prayers	P	4.00			
Meeting the Orthodox	O	3.00			
<b>SUPPLEMENTS AND HOME MATERIALS</b>					
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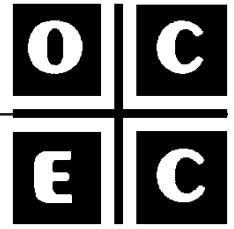
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#### *What Would You Do? Ethics Unit*

This unit explores the Orthodox views on many subjects concerning modern morality and ethics which confront many average teens today. Lying, the Internet, and medical ethics are just a few of the topics covered. Consists of 14 lessons.

#### *The First 800 Years*

The unit presents the major movements and events that shaped the Orthodox Church in the first 800 years, assisted by biographies of saints who shaped the times. Consists of seven lessons.

#### *My Body, My Spirit*

A unit to help the students think carefully about sexual morality from the Orthodox viewpoint. The lessons use lives of saints and scriptural persons to illustrate that the challenges facing young people today are not new, and can be successfully met. Consists of seven lessons.

#### *The Work of Salvation*

Salvation as wrought by Jesus Christ is the definitive act in the history of God working to save His people and reunite them to Himself. The unit examines eight of the readings of Vespers of Great and Holy Saturday, which are all dedicated to chronicling the history of salvation. The unit works well in the two months before Pascha. Consists of seven lessons.

## Senior High and Adult Programs

### Basic Manual — Grade 9

#### *The Way, the Truth, and The Life*

See description at right.

#### *Heroes For Truth*

**Teacher's Guide:** Detailed lesson

outlines guide the teacher in the presentation of historical material covering the development of the Orthodox Church from the time of the

Acts of the Apostles until the deaths of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

**Pupil's Manual:** This book covers the first ten centuries of Orthodox Church history. Each chapter has review questions and activities for class work.

**Activity Worksheets:** Each packet contains the exercises and charts necessary for the student to do the work as explained in the Teacher's Guide. Order one for each student.



### Basic Manual—Grade 9

#### *New Frontiers*

**Teacher's Guide:**

Detailed lesson outlines guide the teacher in the presentation of historical material covering the development of the Orthodox Church. The Teacher's guide offers special attention to the development of regional and ethnic cultures and may be adapted to the historical needs of particular parishes. Special projects help students develop a sense of their own religious roots. Each chapter includes lists of supplementary materials and texts.



**Pupil's Manual:** This year's curriculum covers the last ten centuries of the Orthodox Church. Each chapter suggests review questions and activities for class work.

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### Supplements

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**Supplements/Home Materials P. 21**

- Orthodox Christians in North America 1794-1994 (Grade 9)
- Baptism
- Reruns, Reruns
- Teaching Pics

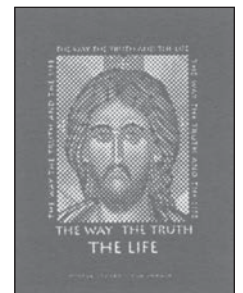
### Program A

### Basic Manual — Grade 9

#### *The Way, the Truth, and The Life*

The Way, The Truth, and The Life, provides a basic understanding of our faith in lessons that both inform and inspire. In so doing, the program endeavors to plant the students firmly in the life-giving soil of Orthodox spiritual understanding and to guide them on the path to spiritual maturity. An optional award is offered for successful completion of four exams for which the students are adequately prepared.

The student book is organized in two parts. Part I offers 28 standard lessons. Part II offers the source sections: "Feast Days and Icons," "Briefs," "Saints," and "Glossary." The program is for high school





students. [Please note: If your church school does not offer a high school program, you may use this with a separate eighth grade class; it is not appropriate for a 6th-7th-8th grade mixed class. (174 pages).

The Teacher book offers scripted lesson plans, handouts for prayers, visual aids, workshops, and excerpts from classic Orthodox authors as background reading for each lesson. The lesson plans are flexible and may be used with classes of 40-60 minute duration. A large three-ring binder will be needed for this manual. (390 pages).

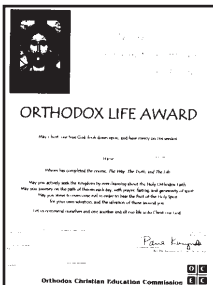
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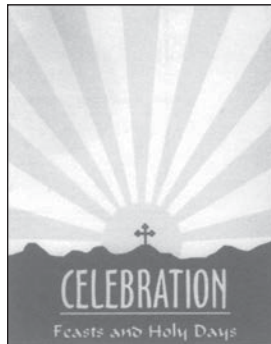


Official certificates that you can personalize for each student. Together, these make the perfect gift for anyone who has completed the challenging study program for The Way, The Truth, and The Life.

## Program B

### *Celebration: Feasts & Holy Days*

**Teacher's Guide:** The goal of this instruction manual and its accompanying student book is the blending of Orthodox Christian instruction with the broader teaching tool — the liturgical cycle. It is presented to deepen student understanding and to reinforce the liturgical



calendar, the sacraments, and the Orthodox Christian lifestyle. It follows the church year, beginning in September with the "Birth of the Theotokos" and the "Elevation of the Holy Cross" through "Transfiguration" in August. The manual sets forth materials and topics for teachers to follow. Its modular form can be broken down depending on teach and student needs.

**Pupil's Manual:** It also includes a cooperative learning component which is presented as an option within each lesson and makes this manual completely unique. The purpose of this approach is to increase learning by fostering cooperation within pairs and small groups and by teaching through well-orchestrated experiences. Strategies are fully described in the appendix of the Teacher's Manual.

**Icon pack:** Come Bless the Lord  
An integral part of this program.

## Program C

### *Orthodox Faith Volume I: Doctrine*

152-page introduction to the major sources of Christian doctrine, step-by-step explanation of the Creed, and a chapter on the Holy Trinity. Includes a basic bibliography.

### *Orthodox Faith Volume III: Bible and Church History*

234-page explanation of the contents and interpretation of the Bible; plus a basic historical presentation of the Church, emphasizing the main theological, liturgical and spiritual developments of each century.

### *Orthodox Faith Volume IV: Spirituality*

200-page introduction to the main themes of Christian life: prayer, fasting, repentance, the virtues, witness in the world, and communion with God. Contains an excellent chapter on Christian virtues as expressed the Beatitudes.

## Supplements

For complete descriptions see  
Supplements/Home Materials P. 22

- Biblical and Liturgical Charts

## Program D

### *Second Helpings*

Volumes I and II of *Second Helpings* offer a selection of forty articles from past issues of *On the Upbeat*, the OCEC's monthly magazine for young adults and adults. Accompanying each article are questions for discussion. The topics in these volumes cover a wide range of material — the Christian life, the parish, the family, liturgical participation, society — suitable for individual study, adults discussion groups, or team church school classes.

The articles contained in these two volumes may be used in any order you and your group or class sees fit. For the sake of convenience, the articles in both volumes are categorized according to content:

The TRIVIA series offers a variety of challenging quizzes. They provide an excellent resource for tests, review work, or contests. Articles designated BACK TO THE BASICS cover a wide range of topics related to basic doctrine and essential Orthodox teachings and practices. Liturgical matters are featured in the CELEBRATE series, while matters of Christian life in the contemporary world are considered in the LIFESTYLES selections. Finally, the ACTION PLAN series challenges you and your group to put your faith into practice.

## Program F

### **Life Ministry Services for Teens**

#### *The Earth is the Lord's: Caring for God's Creation*

Is an active learning unit of 5 sessions for teens. It may be used for a summer school or youth group intensive or a High School study unit during the year. It centers on the stewardship of God's creation and raises more religious issues for teens.

#### *God Is Calling You*

Is a seven-part study unit for youth groups church schools, summer camping programs, and vacation programs. The program deals with the different ministries to which God has called us in our daily life.

#### *Teaching All Nations: The Church Grows Around the World*

Is a five-part study unit on mission, preaching the gospel and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. Valuable for developing a sense of responsibility among teenagers.

#### *What's Love Got to Do With It? Everything*

Is a seven-part study unit for teens. It covers personal relationships, boy-girl relationship, sex and sexuality, love and marriage. Important for young people growing up.

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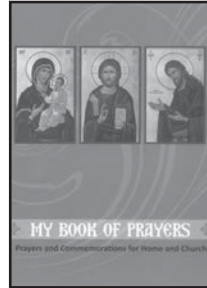
This is a collection of twenty-four study articles adapted from *The Word* magazine of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese. Each of the articles is related to liturgy, morality, spirituality, or Christian life in the world. It is accompanied by a series of “focus” questions to assist group discussion among adults.

### ***The Divine Liturgy***

English edition of the text of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with photographs.

### ***My Book of Prayers: Prayers and Commemorations for Home and Church (2, 3, 4, 5, 6)***

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commemorate the living and the faithful departed plus pages for special intentions. The texts are reprinted from the *Service Book* of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese.

### ***If We Confess Our Sins***

Pocket-size pamphlet for teen and adult preparation for the sacrament of Penance. Includes a basic introduction to the Christian life and the meaning of confession, a self-examination, biblical readings and communion prayers.

### ***Baptism***

Pamphlet of the entire text of the baptismal service, order of Holy Chrismation, rites of ablution and tonsure and the churching of the child. Includes an introduction and explanation of the service and responsibilities of parents and godparents.

### ***Holy Matrimony***

The text of the marriage service with an introduction and explanation.

### ***Meeting the Orthodox***

Pamphlet introduction to the Orthodox faith, written in question answer format. Twenty-five topics include family, Bible, Sacraments, hierarchical structure and doctrine. Excellent initial presentation of the faith to Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike.

### ***A Way of Life: Introducing Your Child to the Orthodox Faith***

***(Preschool)***

This is a religious education pre-school program for parents. Responding to the responsibility of parents to teach their children about their Faith, this program is intended for home use. Following a monthly calendar of one lesson per week, it follows the liturgical calendar and treats such subjects as: major saints, major feast days, the Church, the home, Advent, Christmas, Great Lent and Pascha.

### ***Icon Coloring Books***

***(K, 1, 2, 3, 4)***

Each of the coloring books covers Biblical themes that will encourage children to read the scripture text as well as to color the icon-style illustrations. Older grades can use them as a basis for biblical study through icons. Great for the classroom or at home.

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### ***Lenten Workbook***

***(3, 4, 5, 6)***

A 16-page workbook which supplements the manual for this grade. It explains and reviews the themes, services and practices of Great Lent and Holy Week. Contains illustrations, text, puzzles and activities for class and home use.

### ***The Biggest Birthday Party***

***(P, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)***

An advent calendar for the whole family to read, color, and paste together. A "must" for Christmas preparation at home.

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### ***My Lenten Journey***

***(K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)***

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***(K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Junior High, Senior High)***

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the cards provide simple explanations of each picture and are meant



as guidelines to encourage further study. The cards break up into four clearly defined sets: Sacraments, Feast Days & Ser-

vices, Great Lent & Pascha, and Divine Liturgy. Packaged in its own colorful storage box, the Teaching Pics will be useful for all grades of the curriculum. One set should be purchased for each grade. This interactive program can also be used by parents in a home setting.



## ***Teaching Pics Supplements***

This 10 page supplement offers seven ideas for using the Teaching Pics and cross-reference each pic with lessons in the following books:

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God, My Friends, and Me  
Together With God  
God Loves Us!  
New Life in Jesus  
Making Things Right  
New Life in the Church  
We Worship God in Church  
Jesus: The Promise of God  
Our Life in the Church  
Celebrations: Feasts and Holy Days

## ***Making Things Right***

(2, 3)

Designed for use in Second or Third Grades, this book seeks to approach the Mystery/Sacrament of Reconciliation in a positive way that makes sense to children. Use for extension of lesson in manual or for use at home. See description under Second Grade (page 6).

## ***Build Your Own: Church***

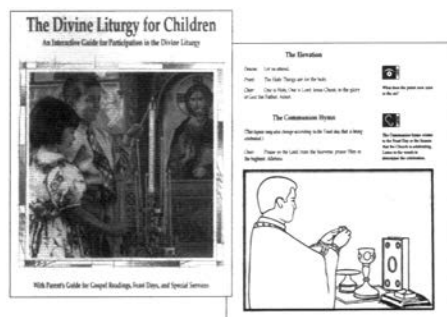
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A 24-page paper construction kit with which each student, with adult supervision, can build a model of an Orthodox Church. The model when completed is 7"W x 14"L x 12"H. This book of heavy paper makes and ideal gift, or class or home project. One must be ordered for each student.

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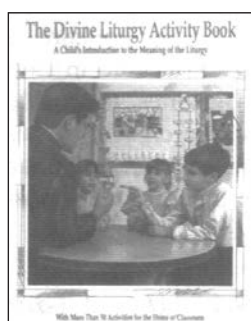
## ***The Divine Liturgy***

**Activity**

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A child's introduction to the meaning of the Liturgy (with more than fifty activities for the home and classroom).



## ***Build Your Own:***

**Iconostasis & Altar**

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## ***Build Your Own:***

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(2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

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## ***The Divine Liturgy***

(3, 4, 5, 6)

English edition of the text of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with photographs.

## ***Praise the Lord***

(3, 4, 5, 6)

A Christmas workbook. It explains and reviews the themes, services, and practices of Advent. Contains illustrations, puzzles, and activities for class and home use.

## ***Icon Book***

(3, 4, 5, 6)

Contains 8 1/2" x 11" icon illustrations that may be colored by the student. Includes 25 icons of major feast days, Holy Week and saints, with brief explanations, life of the saint, *troparia*, liturgical texts, Biblical references and meaning of the feast.

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(3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Senior High, Adult)

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***(5, 6, 7, Junior High, Senior High, Adult)***

Pocket-size pamphlet for teen and adult preparation for the sacrament of Penance. Includes a basic introduction to the Christian life and the meaning of Confession, a self-examination, Biblical readings and communion prayers.

***Exploring How the Bible Came to Be***

***(Grade 6)***

A self-instruction book that will help the student become familiar with the Bible; how it is divided; how to look up passages; how it was formed in Old and New Testament periods. Students can work in class or at home at their own rate. A "must" for this program.

***Baptism***

***(7, Junior High)***

Pamphlet of the entire text of the baptismal service, order of Holy Chrismation, rites of ablution and tonsure and the churching of the child. Includes an introduction and explanation of the service and responsibilities of parents and godparents.

***Orthodox Christians in North America 1794-1994***

***(Grade 9)***

This is a history of 200 years of Orthodox Christians in North America.

***How About Advent!***

How About Advent! Takes the Orthodox family on a spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent to the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. It has several levels of activities that allow a family to become involved as it wishes. The main level is a Scripture reading accompanied by a brief commentary. The reading is appropriate for each day and all of the readings together create a picture of the first Nativity.

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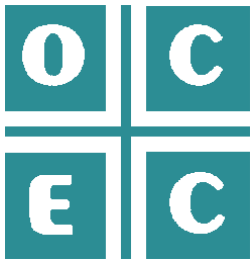
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