



Joining You on the Path to Salvation



 **ORTHODOX**
Journeys

Original educational resources for parish communities and families desiring to nurture the spiritual growth of young people in the Orthodox Christian Faith.

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Today's young people are taught to think, be independent, and prepared to enter a global society. These are outstanding skills to have in a fast changing world. They also need the spiritual knowledge and comprehension of Orthodox Christianity to frame one's perspective on social issues, morality, relationships, and vocations to be being people of character with Christ-centered life goals.

How much do your children know and live the Orthodox Faith?

ORTHODOX JOURNEYS produces educational resources designed to foster an understanding and desire to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the riches of our Orthodox Faith.

We understand that **Orthodox Christianity is more than a set of rules or regulations** on what not to do or eat.

Orthodoxy is a Way of Life, shaping who we are as children of God in a holistic way, guiding how we interact with others and live in this world: **our journey on the path to Salvation.**

Our collection of full color **handouts, study guides, parent overviews, and unit lessons** provide children of all ages with the depth of knowledge on:

- Scripture
- Liturgy and Tradition
- Feasts, Fasts, and Saints
- Contemporary Social Issues

The goal of each unit is to help young people understand what we believe, why we believe it, and how to express and live out those timeless beliefs in the 21st century.

Each unit includes:

- Engaging content
- Timely topics
- Fun educational activities
- Discussion topics
- Questions *and* Answers

LITURGY & TRADITION

FEASTS, FASTS & SAINTS

ROUTINES OF LIFE

SCRIPTURE

HOW CONTENT AND CURRICULUM FROM



IS DESIGNED AND STRUCTURED

Our **SCRIPTURE BASED** content and curriculum leverages the lectionary of readings as both the foundation for the weekly lessons and structure of **Orthodox Journeys** content.

Whether the **feast of Pascha** is early or late each year, the movable and fixed cycles of fasts and feasts and saints are **seamlessly woven into our curriculum** like tectonic plates which ebb and flow each year.

Leveraging aspects of the regular **liturgical traditions** and **divine services** experienced throughout the year, the **message of Christ's** miracles and teachings are central to the lessons, encouraging young people to keep God at the heart of their daily routines.

We believe **participation** in the **LITURGICAL LIFE** of our Orthodox Faith comes in a variety of forms – **singing**, serving in the altar, creating **icons**, **praying** in church and at home, reading **scripture**, doing acts of **charity**, and many other ways! Children of all ages deserve the opportunity to discover **how they can live as Orthodox Christians** expressing their belief and joy in Jesus Christ.

Children are busy with many activities, so each lesson is designed to provide the **FOUNDATIONS OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH** in less than an hour each week. Coupled with **regular chats with parents** and participation in the **life of the church**, we can help you nurture confidence and a desire to learn about the Faith, potentially help them **make wise decisions** when faced with **the serious choices in life**.

Lesson Handouts feature:

- Connections to the scripture readings as the foundation for our daily living
- References to the feasts and saints as our spiritual ancestors, inspiring young people to keep Christ at the center of their lives when faced with difficult choices
- Exploring the liturgical hymns and texts as our textbook for truly understanding what we believe as Orthodox Christians
- Thought provoking messages encouraging children to think about and decide what it means to be an Orthodox Christian
- Assorted educational and fun activities because we understand every child learns in their own unique way

Study Guides feature:

- Available in four age level categories
- A “plug-n-play” format for use by seasoned educators, substitute teachers, and parents alike in church school or at home
- Overview of lesson topics
- Discussion Q&A for scripture readings, liturgical hymns, and lesson themes
- Lessons on a variety of topics
- Links to related online content & resources

Parent Overviews feature:

- Lesson summaries to keep parents informed of what their children are learning
- Discussion questions for sparking conversations with children of all ages during the week, at dinner, or in the car
- Ideas for parent-child exploring our Orthodox Faith together

Unit Summaries feature:

- Summaries of each week’s lesson topics, providing a high-level perspective for clergy, teachers, students, and parents to see how the lessons align with the church year.



DETAILS

Lesson Handouts are organized in four age groups:

- Level 1: **Grades K-2**
- Level 2: **Grades 3-5**
- Level 3: **Grades 6-8**
- Level 4: **Grades 9-12 (and Adult Ed!)**

Each week's lesson explores the same topics and themes at progressive levels of:

- Engagement,
- Dialogue, and
- Comprehension

By using each of the Orthodox Journeys curricula, a four-year rotation cycle can be employed ensuring students learn about topics which are reintroduced at deeper levels of comprehension as children grow and mature.



PRICING

Church School curricula and lesson plans are available in a variety of formats and subscriptions:

- **Annual 42-week Curricula programs \$700**
Available curricula include: Living a Sacramental Life, Growing Through Scripture, Christ & the Old Testament, The Bride of Christ: Church History (includes 7 Units, each with 6 lessons and 4 grade level study guides, 6 parent overviews, and unit summaries)
- **6-Week pay-as-you-go Units \$100/ea.**
(includes six lessons and activities with grade level study guides, parent overviews, and lesson unit summary)
- **Weekly pay-as-you-go Lessons \$20/ea.**
(includes one lesson and four grade level study guides, with one parent overview)
- **12 Great Feasts \$200**
(includes 13 lessons, each with grade level study guides, parent overviews, and lesson unit summary)
- **Lenten Triodion / Pentecostarion \$175**
(includes lessons and grade level study guides, parent overviews for each of the pre-lenten and lenten sundays, and the sundays of Paschatide.)

Parish-wide licensing from Orthodox Journeys make it affordable for your communities to use these resources whether your parish has 5 or 150 families. **Diocesan discount rates are also available**, providing parishes with a consistent education program for ease of collaboration and teaching young people. Each unit and lesson can also be purchased on an **ad hoc or subscription basis**, licensed to your parish or diocese regardless of the number of families or youth in your community.

CONTACT US

Reach out (orthodoxjourneys@gmail.com) with your questions or for **customized lesson plans** (ex: non-English language, liturgical translation, diocesan or parish specific content, introductory text, custom format, or other resource needs). Visit us at www.orthodoxjourneys.com to view our growing collection of available education resources to **help you on your journey today**.

