



# Orthodox Homeschooling Resources

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## Articles:

**Making Saints: Toward Establishing Orthodox Schools by Hieromonk Gabriel**

<https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/remembringsion/2018/06/04/making-saints-establishing-orthodox-schools/>

**Orthodox Home Schooling by Sarah Loft** – A nationally growing home school' movement is an attractive alternative for Orthodox Christian parents.

<https://www.oca.org/the-hub/the-church-on-current-issues/orthodox-home-schooling>

**Two Articles on Orthodox Education: Public School and Home School**

<http://ww1.antiochian.org/content/two-articles-orthodox-education-public-school-and-home-school>

**Why Orthodox Christian Families Homeschool their Children by Adam Lockridge**

<http://myocn.net/orthodox-christian-families-homeschool-children/>

## Conferences:

**Saint Emmelia Ministries** – Regional Orthodox homeschool conferences for families of all ages and stages: <https://www.saintemmelias.com/>

**Saint Kosmas Orthodox Christian Education Association** – Conference for parents and educators pursuing excellence in Orthodox education. Annual conference in California

<https://saintkosmas.com/>

## Curriculum & Resources:

### Charlotte Mason Programs

**Ambleside Online** – Ambleside Online is a free homeschool curriculum that uses Charlotte Mason's classically-based principles to prepare children for a life of rich relationships with everything around them: God, humanity, and the natural world.

<https://www.amblesideonline.org/>

**Ages of Grace** – Orthodox Charlotte Mason style curriculum being developed by a group of dedicated families all over the world, initially inspired by Katherine Johnson.

[https://ages-of-grace.fandom.com/wiki/Ages\\_of\\_Grace\\_Wiki](https://ages-of-grace.fandom.com/wiki/Ages_of_Grace_Wiki)

**The Charlotte Mason Educational Center (CMEC)** – The Charlotte Mason Educational Center (CMEC) offers to our members a theory and practice of education based on the philosophy of Charlotte Mason, which has succeeded for families, schools, and students of every grade. <https://www.thecmec.org/>

## Christian Education

**Antiochian Archdiocese** – A selection of content from the Christian Education pages that is of special interest to homeschool families.

<http://www1.antiochian.org/category/christian-education/especially-homeschools>

**Children's Garden of the Theotokos** – Waldorf Style purchase-ready curriculum for younger children. <https://www.anaphorapress.com/curriculum>

**Illumination Learning** – One of the most important questions to ask ourselves is – What is our ultimate goal as Orthodox Christians? It is the constant struggle and effort we put forth toward theosis. Everything else falls in behind this goal and helps to guide us as we plan our school year. How do we work towards this goal as Orthodox homeschooling families? We incorporate learning and education with worship and living our faith every day of our lives – Worship, Teaching, and Praxis.

<http://illumination-learning.com/main/homeschooling/>

**Paidea Classics** – Supplemental books and educational resources from an Orthodox perspective. <https://www.paideaclassics.org/>

**Portfolio-Based History, Bible and Nature Studies**

<http://www.homeschooljourney.com/>

## Curriculum Distributors

**Abeka Books (Homeschool)** – Educate your children at home using textbooks, video lessons, teaching aids, and more. Homeschooling is an opportunity for parents to give their children the education they need to succeed at life, right in your own home.

<https://www.abeka.com/Homeschool/>

**Christian Book (Homeschool)** – Clearinghouse of homeschool Christian curriculum from a variety of publishers.

<https://www.christianbook.com/page/homeschool?navcat=Homeschool>

**Christian Light Publications (Education)** – For over 30 years, Christian Light Education has provided quality Christian education materials to help prepare students for life. We realize that even a quality curriculum doesn't meet all the needs of a homeschool. We are committed to providing products and services that can aid in making your homeschool successful. We have designed a record-keeping service, [Homeschool Plus](#), to support you in your homeschool.

[https://www.clp.org/store/browse/238\\_homeschool\\_support](https://www.clp.org/store/browse/238_homeschool_support)

**Rainbow Resources** – Our mission is to help you teach your way. That is why we offer over 50,000 products. In addition to a multitude of core courses, we offer many supplemental items to use as interest and budget allow. We attempt to provide detailed descriptions to help you make intelligent choices. <https://www.rainbowresource.com/>

**St. Nectarios Homeschooling Resources**

<http://www.clairebrandenburg.com/st-nectarios-homeschooling-resources.html>

**Tapestry of Grace** – A plan of study that helps parents provide a Christian, classical education using a guided unit study approach, with the history of the world as the core organizational theme from a Protestant perspective.

<http://www.tapestryofgrace.com/index.php>

## **Handwriting, Literature & Reading**

**Bob Books** – Bob Books is a true first reader series, designed to make helping your child learn to read simple and straightforward. The clean layout, short words, and simple phonics make learning to read a fun and natural step for a child that knows the alphabet.

<https://bobbooks.com/>

**CiRCE Institute** – Supporting with a Classical approach to Homeschooling

<https://www.circeinstitute.org/>

**Lumination Press** – Orthodox fiction for youth

<https://luminationpress.webs.com/>

**Potamitis Publishing** – Children’s books on the lives of the Saints

<https://potamitis.us/>

**A Reason For Handwriting** – A Reason for Handwriting® complete K-6th Handwriting Curriculum: it's a fact that when children enjoy their lessons, learning is greatly enhanced and retention greatly increased. A Reason For Handwriting® provides a fun, meaningful approach to developing handwriting skills. <https://areasonfor.com/collections/handwriting>

**Wordly Wise** – Wordly Wise 3000® 4th Edition provides direct academic vocabulary instruction to develop the critical link between vocabulary and reading comprehension. The robust activities, student engagement, and differentiated instruction provide the flexibility to meet the needs of today’s varying student population.

<http://wordlywise3000.com/>

## **History**

**A Child’s History of the World** – A Child's History of the World is a classic. Written shortly after World War I by Calvert School's first Head Master, Virgil Hillyer, this history storybook combines charm with facts to stimulate young minds and leave them yearning for more information.

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/78783.A\\_Child\\_s\\_History\\_of\\_the\\_World](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/78783.A_Child_s_History_of_the_World)

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**Portfolio-Based History, Bible and Nature Studies**

<http://www.homeschooljourney.com/>

**The Story of the World** – The Story of the World is an award-winning resource for families looking for a history curriculum they can fall in love with. Told in the straightforward, engaging style that has become Susan Wise Bauer’s trademark, this four-volume set covers the sweep of human history from ancient times until the present.

This read-aloud series is designed for parents and teachers to share with elementary school children. <https://welltrainedmind.com/landing/story-of-the-world/>

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**Usborne Children's Books (World History)** – Usborne is the UK's leading specialist children's book publisher: an independent, family business which creates engaging, innovative, accessible books for children of all ages.

<https://usborne.com/search-results/?searchText=world+history&age=-1>

## Mathematics

**Life of Fred Mathematics** – Each text is written in the style of a novel with a humorous story line. Each section tells part of the life of Fred Gauss and how, in the course of his life, he encounters the need for math and then learns the methods. Tons of solved examples. Each hardcover textbook contains ALL of the material – more than most instructors cover in traditional classroom settings. Includes tons of proofs.

<https://www.lifeoffred.uniquemath.com/>

**Math-U-See** – Our unique approach to math education means that you might have some questions about exactly where and how to begin with Math-U-See. Because we are mastery-based and student-paced, our levels don't correspond to traditional grade levels.

<https://www.mathusee.com/>

**Mindbenders** – Mindbenders is a book the entire family will love to get involved with. Divided into sections, the first part introduces you to the way you should be thinking to solve the puzzles. Packed with word and math puzzles, this book will keep you thinking for hours. To check if you are on the right track, there's an easy-to-use solutions guide at the back of the book.

<https://www.amazon.com/Mindbenders-Over-Puzzles-Your-Around/dp/1933054115>

**Mr. D Math** – Mr. D works with students from around the world a variety of topics, including math, life skills, test prep, and more! Through his classes, curriculum, speaking engagements, Mr. D Live team, and resources, Mr. D strives to provide families with empowering solutions and rich understanding for life! <https://www.mrdmath.com/>

**RightStart Mathematics** – RightStart™ Mathematics is a complete elementary and RightStart™ Mathematics is a complete elementary and middle-school program that uses visualization of quantities, de-emphasizes counting, and provides strategies and games for learning the facts. RightStart Math, a research-based program used by thousands of children worldwide, tells you what to teach, together with the how and why, day by day and year by year. <https://rightstartmath.com/>

## Online Schools / Classes

**Classical Learning Resource Center** – Provides online courses from an Orthodox perspective. <http://clrconline.com/>

**Khan Academy** – Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

**St. Raphael School** – Orthodox, offers full classes for all ages and once-a-week catechism of middle- and high-school [www.RaphaelSchool.org](http://www.RaphaelSchool.org)

## Science / Nature Studies

### **Portfolio-Based History, Bible and Nature Studies**

<http://www.homeschooljourney.com>

### *Legal Advice:*

**Home School Legal Defense Association** - This is an **essential starting point** for researching and navigating the law and procedures in each state. For a nominal fee, they can be retained, prior to any incident, for legal advice and defense for member families, as well as other benefits. <https://www.hsllda.org/>

### *Media:*

**The Saint Emmelia Podcast** – monthly interviews, lectures and discussions on Orthodox homeschooling hosted on Ancient Faith Radio

<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/saintemmelia>

- Interview with Andrew Kern
- Interview with Fr. Josiah Trenham
- Interview with Fr. Noah Bushelli
- And more!

**CiRCE Institute Podcasts** – Center for Independent Research on Classical Education

<https://www.circeinstitute.org/podcast>

- Ask Andrew
- The Daily Poem
- The Mason Jar
- And more!

**Saint Emmelia Ministries** – Audio recordings of conference lectures and workshops

<https://www.saintemmelia.com/audiovideo>

**Saint Kosmas Orthodox Christian Education Association** – Audio and video recordings of conference lectures and workshops

<https://saintkosmas.com/media>

**Additional Links:**

**Facebook - Eastern Orthodox Homeschooling High Schoolers Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1102653659834985/>

**Facebook - Orthodox Christian Homeschooling Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/orthodoxchristianhomeschooling/>

**Facebook - Saint Emmelia Homeschool Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintemmelia/>

**Paidea Classics - Orthodox Links**

<https://www.paideaclassics.org/links.html>