



Our Curriculum and Other Materials

9/19

This, then, is our task: to educate ourselves and our children in godliness.

St. John Chrysostom

Christ is among us. He is and always shall be!

The Antiochian Archdiocese uses the OCEC curriculum, which you will find below. The GOA texts can be used for supplemental material. Following the curriculum, are links to several resources you may find useful.

Descriptions for the OCEC materials can be found at: <http://orthodoxchristianed.com/resources/catalog/>

The order form can be found obtained at:

http://ww1.antiochian.org/sites/default/files/xcn_ed_order_form_2017.pdf

OCEC CURRICULUM**

PreSchool age 3- *The Wonder of it All*

PreSchool age 4- *God, My Friends, and Me*

Kindergarten- *Together with God*

Grade 1- *God Loves Us*

Grade 2- *New Life in Jesus and ~~Making Things Right~~* (Use *Starting Over*, by Gail Meena Malaniak, see the website littlecrossbooks.com, or email littlecrossbooks@yahoo.com).

Grade 3- *We Worship God in Church*

Grade 4- *Jesus the Promise of God*

Grade 5- *Our Life in the Church*

Middle School

Grade 6: *In the Beginning* (choose a teacher who can make the OT interesting; or consider: *Heroes for Truth* or *New Frontiers*)

Grade 7: *Acts: The Story of the Young Church* (Part I and II)

Grade 8: *The Way, The Truth, and The Life* (can be used for 2 years)

Also good as supplements for Middle School

Zines published by the GOA, about 6 lessons each and very attractive. <https://www.goarch.org/en/-/introducing-the-zines>

High School

Celebrations: Feast Days and Holy Days, OCEC.

The Orthodox Faith Series by Fr. Thomas Hopko (OCEC). Study guide questions are in the zip file.

Some other choices are:

Who is God, Who am I, Who are You? By Dee Pennock (link below)

<https://www.orthodoxmarketplace.com/esss/product/who-is-god-who-am-i-who-are-you-student>



Orthodox Christian Teen Survival Guide. The resource is free to download at <https://www.goarch.org/en/-/orthodox-christian-teen-survival-guide> or you can order hardcopies from Orthodox marketplace. Topics: Sexual Purity, Pornography, Managing Stress, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Peer Pressure, Body Image, Bullying,

Gossip, Suicide, Life after High School.

** I have developed a program called "Knowing Your Faith," that encourages our children to master a minimum number of standards for the OCEC Kindergarten through Grade 5 texts. For each grade there are prayers to memorize, icons to name, and questions to answer. Next to each standard is a number in parentheses, which indicates the lesson that the standard springs from, or can be introduced into. Please follow the link below.

Links to other resources.

- Knowing Your Faith Program (for use with OCEC texts grades K through 5)
<http://ww1.antiochian.org/christianeducation/knowning-your-faith-educational-standards-ocec-curriculum>
- Comparison Chart of OCEC and GOA Curricula Grades Preschool through 5
<http://ww1.antiochian.org/christianeducation/goa-and-ocec-comparison-chart>
- *The Orthodox Faith Series* Study Guide Questions
<http://dce.oca.org/page/orthodox-faith-series>
- Online Resources for Christian Education
<http://ww1.antiochian.org/content/online-resources-orthodox-christian-education>

Please note: In September our new program for middle school, "My Orthodox Church, Challenge Packet 1" should be ready on our website: **ww1.Antiochian.org/christianeducation**. The children will do research to answer frequently-asked-questions; it has a 10-15-week duration. Our excellent social media ministry sites serve thousands of subscribers with valuable continuing education, resources, and inspiration. Teachers, Directors, and Parents, these will improve your efforts and lift your spirits!



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Over the years I have posted ways to advance our efforts. These include, 1) Using the program "Knowing Your Faith" (for use with the OCEC series books K through Grade 5; 2) Taking a minute to be still before prayer, an important habit to develop, and 3) Having art supplies handy for children to respond to the lesson artistically. This year we are directing our teachers to download the appropriate level of our new program to remember the life of our Lord as the feast days come up during the year, "Great Feasts: The Life of Our Lord." It will be available this September.

Directors, contact our resource person, Anna-Sarah Farha, at aodce.csdirectors@gmail.com to get on a list-serv, and utilize our Church School Directors Manual, available on our website: www.antiochian.org/christianeducation. Please feel free to contact me or your Diocesan Coordinator for any further needs or questions.

May God bless you and the children in your care,

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