



St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church Religious Education Classes for 2009 – 2010

- **Adult Class (Ages 18 to 94 years and counting!)**
- Teacher(s): Fr. George Tsahakis, assisted by Johnny Ellinas
- Classroom: our Sanctuary
- Focus: This year we are reviewing contemporary secular and religious articles appearing in the news and on the internet. Our aim is to apply our Orthodox faith to the critical issues that we confront. Holy Scripture, Holy Tradition, the writings of the Church Fathers, and the history of the Church will be used. Handouts are provided and class questions and discussion are encouraged.
- **High School Class (Grades 9 - 12)**
- Teacher(s): George Psihountas & Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis
- Classroom: Upstairs Classroom
- Focus: This year our text is *Who Is God? Who Am I? Who Are You?* Class discussion will include contemporary issues and how God can lead us in living our everyday lives. Additional texts include *455 Questions & Answers* by Fr. Stanley Harakas

and *Lives of the Saints* (for us to learn about our individual patron saints).

- **Middle School Class (Grades 6-8)**

- Teacher(s): Helen Psihountas
- Classroom: Conference Room
- Focus: This year we will learn about “stewardship” – how to best use what God has given us in all areas of our lives. In addition, we will review and discuss the Gospel lesson for each Sunday.

- **Upper Elementary School Class (Grades 3-5)**

- Teacher(s): Becky Butler
- Classroom: St. Christopher Bookstore
- Focus: This year we will use the book, *Sharing God’s World*. We will focus on the lessons and examples that Jesus taught His followers on how to become caring and sharing people – by sharing ourselves with the world at large.

- **Lower Elementary School Class (Grades Kindergarten – Second Grade)**

- Teacher(s): Angela Miles
- Classroom: Corner Classroom next to Nursery
- Focus: Through stories, crafts, songs, and hymns, students will learn teachings of the Orthodox faith. In a fun and interactive classroom environment, we will learn about five Feast Days –

Elevation of the Holy Cross, Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple, the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas), the Presentation of the Lord into the Temple, and Pascha (Easter). In addition, we will study stories from both the Old and New Testaments, the lives of selected saints, and an introduction of three of our Holy Sacraments.

- **Pre-Kindergarten Class (Ages 3 - 5 years)**
- Teacher(s): Jeanie Ellinas & Christina Kelly, Substitute
- Classroom: Corner classroom in between two restrooms
- Focus: This year we will use the texts *God Loves Us* and *What We See and Do In Church*. We will concentrate on good manners during worship services, learning how to make our Cross and venerate icons, memorize the Lord's Prayer, discuss the major Feast Days, and enjoy some "Romper Room" fun.
- **Nursery Class (Newborn through two years of age)**
- Teacher(s): Stacy Daniel, Andrea Dobur, Rick Miles, Emilia Moraitis, Angie Rice, & Costas Soulakos (rotating schedule will be posted)
- Classroom: Nursery
- Focus: Our youngest parishioners will begin their journey of learning about the Orthodox faith by singing, praying, and making simple crafts. Our goal is to grow their love for God and each other.

We hope you will bring your family to St. Christopher Church often and participate in our Religious Education program. We operate year-round and everyone is welcome, including visitors. Please join us!