

August, 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer! We are eager to welcome both new and returning families to our St. George Community! We are currently planning a spiritually enriching **in-person** Church School year with classes for Little Angels (age 3) through 12th grade. Our first day of classes will be September 26th.

We are blessed to have a wonderful, dedicated staff who graciously volunteer their time towards religious education. Families are asked to assist our teachers by encouraging on-time/regular Divine Liturgy attendance and to take an interest in what they learned in class. Each week, family worship begins with the Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. Children will proceed to their classes immediately following Holy Communion. All classes will end at 11:30am. The goal of Religious Education is to show children how to lead Christian lives. Children are more likely to follow their parents' example, not their advice. The benefits of attending Church together as a family, followed by Church School, are far reaching. Help us teach our kids that Jesus is the ultimate role model.

We encourage regular attendance as we understand that children learn best when offered consistency. To this end, at the conclusion of each school year, we recognize students with the best attendance records.

Church School registration forms can be found in the weekly bulletin, office and on the table outside the classrooms. A registration fee of \$40.00 per family will be collected to cover the cost of books and other school supplies.

Note about COVID: The health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. We are mindful that the Delta variant is widely circulating and is a great concern. In conjunction with Governor Murphy's directive for all school children, current CDC guidelines, and for everyone's safety, Church School teachers, staff and students will be required to wear a mask while indoors regardless of vaccination status. We pray that this mandate will only be in effect for a short time until conditions improve.

In addition to Church School, St. George offers a wide range of ministries and activities catering to our youth that we hope you take advantage of. Among these are: Junior Choir, Hope & Joy, GOYA, the Oratorical Festival, Greek School, Acolyte service and Vacation Church School (VCS). You may inquire in the office for additional information on any of these groups.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Sundays!

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St. George Church School Family Registration 2021-2022



Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Parent's Names: _____

Mother's Email: _____ Mother's Cell: _____

Father's Email: _____ Father's Cell: _____

Email to use for Church School Correspondence: Mother Father Both

Student's Full Name (list all)	Baptized Orthodox Yes/No	Baptismal Name	Date of Birth	Age	Grade in School

*** Only those children baptized in the Orthodox Faith can receive Holy Communion.**

Classes: **Little Angels** - must be 3 years by Oct 1 **Pre-K** - must be 4 years by Oct 1 **Kindergarten** - must attend K in regular school

Students in grades 7 through 12 **MUST provide their own email address** (*parents are always copied on student emails*)

Name(s)

Email

Does your child have any allergies? Yes No If yes, please list: _____

Does your child have any special needs that we should be aware of? Yes No If yes, please explain:

Our school is made up of volunteers and we do our best to try and accommodate every student. Please see a director to privately discuss details of specific accommodations that may be necessary.

Would you be interested in assisting with Sunday School: Yes No Maybe, Tell Me More

Student would be interested in learning more about the following St. George ministries:

Greek School _____ Hope & Joy _____ GOYA _____ Jr/Sr Choir _____ Altar Boy Service _____

Registration Fee - \$40.00 per Family. Church School families MUST be current stewards of St. George.

Date Paid: _____ Check #: _____ Cash: _____

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I understand that there may be times when my child's photo, taken within the context of a Church/Sunday School setting may be posted in the Orthodox Light, the web-site and/or Facebook page of St. George. Names will not appear with the pictures.

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____