



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF
NEW JERSEY

SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Pastor

SAINT ANDREWS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

2021

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to our new and returning families!

The goal of the Religious Education School is to show our children how to lead Christian lives. The Religious Education teacher supplements and reinforces the work of the priest and the parents in educating the child to know Jesus Christ and His Church. Our first concern is that the child learns about his Saviour, Jesus Christ. Using His teachings as our foundations we bring the child to know and practice his Orthodox faith. Each teacher in the Religious Education School is not only a source of religious information to the child, but also one of the child's prime examples of Christian behavior.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated, conscientious, and responsible group of volunteers who will spend each week preparing a lesson to teach our children on Sunday. However, they can only be with them for a mere one-hour a week. Family involvement is essential to a child's religious growth and development. As parents you can:

- Encourage prompt and regular attendance to Divine Liturgy on Sunday.
- Ask your children what was learned in class and discuss the lesson.
- Show an interest in your children's projects and take-home work.
- Encourage your children to do their assignments and help them if help is needed.
- Worship together as a family even when classes are not in session, it helps the children realize that church worship and Religious Education School go together.

Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life.

(Proverbs 22:6)

Church and home go hand in hand. **Share the Experience.**

This year we are pleased to continue with our classes as follows:

Divine Liturgy: Parents and children should be in church on time

Altar Boys should be in church 5 minutes before liturgy begins

Students & Teachers will receive Holy Communion and then proceed to their Classes.

Additional information about Services found on our weekly bulletin & web site

Provided below are some important dates to keep in mind:

Classes begin September 26th with a **ST ANDREW FAMILY KICK-OFF CELEBRATION**

Parents for Pre-K3 – 2nd Grade please bring snacks

REGISTRATION (Complete FAMILY & STUDENT FORM) find on Saint Andrew website or weekly ebulletin or contact the church info@standrewgonj.org for Registration Form

SUNDAY SEPT 12TH WE WILL HAVE LITURGY AT SAINT ANDREW.

We will not be able to celebrate Divine Liturgy **at the Paramount** with all the parishes. Our youth will participate in the Blessing of the Waters and Diving for the Cross (*see Metropolis of NJ communication*)

To maintain an orderly environment for our students, we respectfully ask parents to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please bring your children on time to church and for class.
- Parents are asked to return upstairs after dropping off students. Please do not linger downstairs or outside the classrooms since this will be a distraction for the classes in session.
- After dismissal, parents of younger children please pick them up directly from their classes.

We want to assure you that the safety of our children is most important to us. Our schools will follow the COVID protocols recommended for the local area and our Metropolis. We thank you for your support and look forward to a successful year!

In the Service of the Lord,

Fr. John Theodosion
Protopresbyter

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