

# St. Philip's Orthodox Church Sunday School

The St. Philip's Sunday School program is based upon a sequential curriculum for children pre kindergarten age and up. Each age group and grade level has been carefully considered in determining this Sunday School program. The following guidelines have been established in order to best meet unique needs of each age group. Parents are reminded that all student immunizations and health checks should be up to date, and proper great room, coffee hour, and church behavior should be taught and reinforced..

## **Pre K (ages 4 & 5 - this age group will be combined with our K-1 class in 2014/15):**

- 1) Student must be 4 years old by September 1st of current school year.
- 2) Student shows ability to stay in Church during Liturgy.
- 3) Student has ability to remain in class without parent.
- 4) Student attends preschool or structured program, and shows ability to follow direction and attend to a 45 minute class time.
- 5) Student shows interest in coloring and pasting.
- 6) Student can bless his- or herself and knows basic prayers.

## **Kindergarten & First Grade:** (Attends kindergarten by Sept. of current school year)

- 1) Student can recognize and identify colors, shapes, letters (upper case), and numbers.
- 2) Student has the ability to use scissors, markers, and pencils.
- 3) Student has the ability to work in a structured classroom.
- 4) Student attends the Liturgy in Church, not the Great Room or Narthex.
- 5) Student starts more prayer memorization.
- 6) Student behavior should not be an issue by this age group.
- 7) Student's entry to this age group is by the discretion of the teacher.

## **Second & Third Grade:**

- 1) Student has basic reading and writing skills.
- 2) Student begins to go to Confession with family members.
- 3) Student participates in pre-Communion fasting routine.
- 4) Student should know and demonstrate proper behavior and respect for others.

## **Fourth & Fifth Grade:**

- 1) Student's moral and ethical awareness should be increasing.
- 2) Sacramental participation is marked by fasting and regular confession.

## **Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth Grade:**

- 1) Student should be positively aware of uniqueness of Orthodox identity.
- 2) Sacramental participation is marked by fasting and regular confession.

## **Teens / SOYO:**

- 1) These individuals have an awareness of the wider world of Orthodoxy, Archdiocese, Patriarchates, and jurisdictions. This should be accompanied by a positive Orthodox self-image.
- 2) Sacramental participation is marked by fasting and regular confession.