

Join Us!



*November 5-8
Antiochian Village*

2009 Orthodox Institute

*Sponsored by the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese
Department of Christian Education*

This year's theme:
Beyond the Classroom



We are pleased to present two keynote speakers:
His Grace, Bishop THOMAS
Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic
Paul Finley
Executive Director of Antiochian Village

Courses for Teachers and Church School Directors.
Cost to take 6 courses is only \$50.00. (Meals and lodging extra.)

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, November 5, 2009

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Registration
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Museum Tour
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Dinner
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Vespers
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Bishop THOMAS: *Why Go Beyond the Classroom?*
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Question and Answer Period
9:00 PM Compline

Friday, November 6, 2009

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Breakfast
Registration for New Arrivals
8:45 AM - 9:20 AM Orthros
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Session I
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Break
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:50 PM Session II
3:10 PM - 5:00 PM Session III
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Dinner
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Vespers
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Paul Finley: *Teachable Moments*
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Question and Answer Period
9:00 PM Compline

Saturday, November 7, 2009

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Breakfast
Registration for New Arrivals
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Session IV
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Break
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Visit Gravesite of St. Raphael / Akathist
2:00 PM - 3:40 PM Session V
3:50 PM - 5:30 PM Session VI
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Dinner / Presentation of Certificates
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Vespers
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Church School Directors and Teachers:
Open Discussion and Sharing
9:00 PM Compline

Sunday, November 8, 2009

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Orthros
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Brunch & Departure



2009 ORTHODOX INSTITUTE COURSE OFFERINGS

CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR TRACK CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The following three courses are required: *CSD Seminar: Basic, Curriculum and Resources for the CSD, and Build Your Staff, Build Your Students.* If you have previously taken *CSD Seminar: Basic* and wish to receive credit towards the Church School Director certificate, contact Rosemary Shumski at aodce@aol.com and course credit will be noted.

• **CSD SEMINAR: BASIC** This is an introductory course designed for the first-time church school director as well as those directors who have never before participated in the basic seminar. You will receive a CSD Manual and learn the fundamentals of organizing a church school and planning throughout the year. (Kh. Betty Randolph)

• **CURRICULUM & RESOURCES FOR THE CSD** Participants will be presented with information on Orthodox educational curricula and resources (including those available online) as well as planning and scheduling. Grade level standards will be introduced along with special instruction for their implementation. (Mat. Myra Kovalak and Joseph Tershay)

• **BUILD YOUR STAFF, BUILD YOUR STUDENTS** This course will cover positive techniques for recruiting qualified teachers and staff as well as building and boosting enrollment in church school programs. The format of this class will include open discussions, handouts, and small group activities. (Kh. Linda Funk)

IMPLEMENTING THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL AND USING A THEME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR Attend this seminar and learn new ways to implement the Antiochian Archdiocese Creative Arts Festival in your parish and increase student participation. Lesson plans will be offered along with ideas on using the theme throughout the year. (Vasiliki Oldziej)

~~NEW!~~ RETREATS AND FIELD TRIPS

This course will provide practical outlines and guides for the planning and execution of retreats and field trips along with a checklist of do's and don'ts, so that your event will run smoothly and be beneficial to the spiritual growth of your attendees. (Fr. George Alberts and Fr. Anthony Yazge)

~~NEW!~~ **JOY CLUB** The JOY Club is a wonderful way to bring our "Junior Orthodox Youth" together for worship, witness, service, fellowship and fun! Learn how to start or improve a JOY Club in your parish. (Gail Meena and Janet Abueita)

~~NEW!~~ **ORTHODOX RESOURCES ONLINE** A multitude of Orthodox Christian education resources are available online - but where does one begin to find them? This class will help you get started. (Kh. Linda Funk)

**TEACHER TRAINING TRACK
TEACHER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**
Because so many teachers have already taken Teacher Training I courses during trainings held throughout our Archdiocese, we will only offer Teacher Training II courses this year.

*Teacher Training II** course requirements are: Enriching the Classroom Experience, Utilizing Crafts, and Moral Issues Overview.*

****ENRICHING THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE** Teachers will be provided with the tools to instruct students in a variety of ways, based on how they learn. The principles of teaching special needs students will also be addressed. (Kh. Myra Kovalak)

****UTILIZING CRAFTS** Easy arts and crafts ideas will be introduced for use in the church school among various age levels and different degrees of skill. Crafts for family night programs will be featured. (Catherine Sullivan)

****MORAL ISSUES OVERVIEW** The Orthodox viewpoint on moral issues will be contrasted with those of our secular society. Major topics of concern to youth will be touched upon throughout the presentation. (Fr. George Alberts)

LEARNING THROUGH GAMES

Participants will learn how to use a variety of games and activities to reinforce many curriculum topics and biblical concepts. This course will apply to all age levels with an emphasis on primary grades. (Gail Meena)

CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAYS Learn how to use hymns and icons to teach the Feast Days of our faith. Ways to integrate the Feast Day celebration in the home will also be discussed. (Phyllis Meshel Onest)

SAINTS The Orthodox understanding of saints, holiness, and veneration will be addressed. The lives and writings of various saints will be featured including St. Photini and St. Ignatius. (Kh. Anna Hughes)

~~NEW!~~ **IDEAS FOR ADULT EDUCATION** This session will offer discussion and hands-on teaching methods, such as exercises and games, for adult learners in Christian Education. Ideas for discussion groups, including Bible studies, current issues, and movie and book reviews in light of our faith, will be explored. (Valerie Zahirsky)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE

The special certificate in "Beyond the Classroom: Supplemental Programs for Christian Education" (†) will explore programs that can be utilized outside the walls of the traditional classroom. A variety of suggestions for both children and adults will be offered. Course requirements are: *Overview of Supplemental Programs, Vacation Church School, and Programs for All Ages.* We are offering these courses twice in order to afford all participants the opportunity to take them if they wish.

~~NEW!~~ **† OVERVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS** Christian Education does not end with the traditional Sunday Church School, but is a life-long process. Programs that supplement the Church School curriculum will be discussed, followed by a brief overview of programs for the entire parish. (Paul Finley)

NEW! † VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

This course will discuss the benefits of implementing a VCS program in your parish and what preliminary decisions must be made, including selecting a curriculum or creating one that's right for your community. Learn how to develop an Orthodox program that is theologically correct, quality-driven, dynamic, effective, whimsical and fun! (Rhonda Webb)

NEW! † PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Discover ways to give families the opportunity to learn more about the Orthodox faith while spending quality time with one another and other members of their parish family. Be prepared to think creatively. A cooperative exercise will be part of the course work. (Bob Snyder)

Design your schedule to meet your unique needs. Feel free to move in and out of these three tracks. It's your conference - don't miss a thing!

COURSE SCHEDULE

Session I (Fri. 9:30 am - 11:30 am) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Special Certificate	Nov. 6, 2009 Course •CSD Seminar: Basic Learning Through Games † Overview of Supplemental Programs
Session II (Fri. 1:00 pm - 2:50 pm) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Special Certificate	Nov. 6, 2009 Course •Curriculum and Resources for the CSD Feast Days † Vacation Church School
Session III (Fri. 3:10 pm - 5:00 pm) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Special Certificate	Nov. 6, 2009 Course •Build Your Staff, Build Your Students Retreats and Field Trips Free Time † Programs for All Ages
Session IV (Sat. 9:30 am - 11:30 am) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Special Certificate	Nov. 7, 2009 Course Implementing the Creative Arts Festival and Using a Theme Throughout the Year **Enriching the Classroom Experience Saints † Overview of Supplemental Programs
Session V (Sat. 2:00 pm - 3:40 pm) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Special Certificate	Nov. 7, 2009 Course JOY Club **Utilizing Crafts † Vacation Church School
Session VI (Sat. 3:50 pm - 5:30 pm) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Special Certificate	Nov. 7, 2009 Course Orthodox Resources Online **Moral Issues Overview Adult Education † Programs for All Ages

For questions concerning meals, lodging, or directions, contact the Antiochian Village at events@antiochianvillage.org (Email), 724-238-3677 (Phone), or 724-238-2102 (Fax)

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