

St. Xenia Orthodox Church
Church School
170 N. Lowell St.
Methuen, MA 01844

Dear Parents:

It's that time of year again! We are busy making plans for the coming school year and the start of church school. Regular classes will begin on October 7. An informational meeting is scheduled for September 23. During the meeting we will discuss the implementation of the curriculum, the coming school year and address any questions parents may have.

This year we are implementing a slightly different breakdown of classes.

Preschool Group: 18 months through Kindergarten

Children, with a parent, will meet with Laryssa Doohovskoy in the church basement immediately following the blessing after communion.

Elementary Group: First Grade through Fifth Grade

Children will meet with Subdeacon Alexander Doohovskoy and John Danas in the church basement immediately following the blessing after communion.

Middle School Group: Sixth Grade through Ninth Grade

This group will meet with Alexei Doohovskoy in the loft of the church hall immediately following the blessing after communion.

High School Group: Tenth Grade through Twelfth Grade

This group will meet during Trapeza in the church basement with the week's guest lecturer.

Also enclosed here is a registration form. Please take the time to fill out the form and mail it back to us. In previous years we have gathered student information from Parish Membership forms. Having a separate Church School Registration Form allows us to make sure we have accurate information on our students.

Youth Activities:

St. Xenia Orthodox Church schedules and organizes a variety of youth activities for our young parishioners. These activities are designed to strengthen the faith of our young parishioners and to reinforce our church family. Please, mark your calendar with these dates to assure your child(ren)'s participation.

**Metropolitan Laurus Visit
Youth Retreat and Altar Feast** – September 15-16

**Parish Altar Feast Day
Celebration** – September 24

**St. John of Kronstadt
Party** – October 31

**Christmas Celebration
Yolka** – January 13

**Pascha Celebration
Egg Hunt** – May 4

**End of the Church School
Year Barbeque and
Certificate Presentation** –
June 22

If you are able, please volunteer your time to help us make these activities a success for our young people.

If you have any suggestions for an activity, please let us know.

Website:

With the implementation of our updated website (<http://www.stxenia.org>) we have a wonderful section devoted to our church school. Each week, updates will be posted – including lesson summaries/worksheets/etc.

The church school curriculum has been posted on the website as well. The curriculum is divided by class and emphasizes those goals we hope our young people can achieve before moving on to the next class level.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the church school section of the website, please let us know.

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