



**OUR PROGRAM:**

- Our curriculum is based on the Scope and Sequence Curriculum put forth by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.
- Our classes engage in developing a clear sense of their Orthodox faith through dialogue, interaction with teachers and one another and activities.

**OUR TEACHING GOALS:**

- Who is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Church: Community, Doctrine, History
- Worship and Prayer: Meaning and Purpose
- Liturgy: Meaning, Structure, Participation,
- Sacraments
- Prayers and Hymns
- Saints & Feast Days of the Church
- Scripture: The Gospel, Biblical Skills
- Tradition: Iconography & Symbols
- Christian Family
- Ethics and Spirituality: Mystical Union
- Service and Mission

**A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN**

O Great Merciful Lord, Who gives food to the birds of the sky and to all living things on the earth, Who watches over the flower that sprouts amidst the rocky cliffs; nourish, bring up, and protect well our children also. Help us, O Lord, to plant in their souls what is good and useful for the Holy Church and the nation, and what is well pleasing to Thee, that Thy holy name may be exalted from them. Fill them, O Lord, with the enlightened wisdom and holy understanding which come down from Thee. Protect them from all the snares of enemies both visible and invisible. “Command Thine Angels as always to be their enlightened guides and counselors in all good works.”

*We pray, Thee, O Lord, to open their minds, that they may know Thee as much as possible. Amen*

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**HOLY TRINITY  
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**2023-2024**  
**PARENT HANDBOOK**

“Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of Heaven.”  
+Matthew 19:4

## DEAR PARENTS:

Our Religious Education Program at Holy Trinity is a total parish experience involving the students, parents, teachers, and clergy. Our goal is to educate your child with Orthodox knowledge so they may bear witness to their faith and be good stewards throughout their lives. The Catechetical School program encompasses prayer, sacramental preparation, bible studies, liturgical lessons, and community service. Your role is very important in this process. We ask that you attend church services regularly with your child and reinforce the lessons they learn in the classroom at home in order to ensure their spiritual development. We feel blessed with your child's participation in our program.

## OUR MISSION:

To nurture, instruct, and direct each child to the community of faith. To provide each child with a strong foundation biblically and academically. To challenge our children to be righteous in the eyes of the Lord and to glorify Him in all that they are and all that they will be.

## GRADE LEVELS:

All students must be in the Catechism class that corresponds to their academic school grade. Your child may enroll in our program if they are 3 years old by August 1, 2023.



## CATECHETICAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

2023-2024

Catechism School will begin immediately following Holy Communion and end promptly at 11:40 a.m. We respectfully ask that all parents pick up their children at the end of each session as not to disrupt the Orthodox education of our precious children.

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### SPECIAL DATES:

September 10th: First Day of Class  
December 1st-3rd: GOYA Advent Retreat  
December 16th: Pageant Rehearsal  
December 17th: Christmas Pageant  
January 7th: Classes Resume  
TBA: Elementary Oratorical Festival  
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May 19th: Graduate Sunday/Last Day of Class  
June 3rd-6th: Vacation Bible School  
4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

### NO CLASSES THE FOLLOWING DATES:

November 5th: Greek Fest  
November 26th: Thanksgiving Break  
December 17th: Christmas Pageant  
December 24th-Jan. 3rd: Christmas Break  
February 4th: Tables Extraordinaire  
March 24th: Sunday of Orthodoxy  
-Students Participate in Icon Procession  
April 7th: Sunday of the Holy Cross  
-Students stay in church for procession  
April 28th: Palm Sunday  
May 5th: Great and Holy Pascha

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY)

December 10th: Costume Fitting  
December 16th: Pageant Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
December 17th: Christmas Pageant



Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### REGISTRATION:

Registration is the Church website: [htgocorlando.org/parish-ministries-signup](http://htgocorlando.org/parish-ministries-signup). All children must have a completed registration form on file in order to attend classes.

### ATTENDANCE:

Catechism attendance is required to participate in any other youth ministry programs including GOYA & Hellenic Dance.

### CLASSES IN SESSION:

Classes begin following Holy Communion and conclude at 11:40 a.m. We respectfully ask that parents DO NOT congregate in the classroom hallways so as not to disrupt the teachers and students.

### DISMISSAL:

Children are dismissed to the care of the parent or guardian only. We ask that all family members wait in the Agape Ballroom until dismissal. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

### STUDENT BEHAVIOR:

Our teachers and assistants are volunteers giving of their time and talent. Behavioral problems are a rarity; however, if a child misbehaves in class the teacher will deal with the situation on an individual basis. Parents will be notified if the student continues to disrupt the class.