



**SUNDAY SCHOOL OF  
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## A Message From our Director

Dear families,

As part of our Church Community programs, we would like to invite children to join our Sunday School this coming September.

Children five years and older are welcome to join **Sunday School**. The Sunday school is aiming to build lifelong friendships, provide a better understanding of our Orthodox faith, and most importantly nurture a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Lessons will take place in the classroom all Sundays indicated with a “Lesson” on the next page. Our theme this year is *What we see and How we pray at the Divine Liturgy*.



Sunday school classes will take place after Holy Communion for about 30 minutes. Children are encouraged to stay until the end of the lesson with minimal disruptions to the class, behaving respectfully throughout class time. Lessons will include prayer, a variety of activities, crafts, games, along with the occasional film and learning songs.

One Sunday a month, our program will include “**Storybook Sunday**” with Fr. Tim. Toddlers and younger kids will hear an age-appropriate story in the Church after the antidoron is given out at the end of the Liturgy. Finally, “**Family Worship Day**” has no activities scheduled to give families a chance to worship together.

Over time, children will be getting to know the Lord, His teachings, and miracles. We encourage children to connect with our Priest, Fr. Tim Prattas, other families, adults, teachers, and mostly with other children from our Community. You are encouraged to register your children — and encourage grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends — to join us. Everyone is welcome!

We hope you and your family can attend our programs, as a fun and enjoyable way to learn about Faith. We wish you a blessed and wonderful summer — and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

With love in Christ,

- Soula Papapanagiotou, Sunday School Director

## Sunday School Year 2018-2019

DATE	LESSON / EVENT
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Storybook Sunday</b> — Registration
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 1 – <b>Agiasmos</b>
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lesson 2
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 3
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Storybook Sunday</b>
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 4
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lesson 5
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 6
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Storybook Sunday</b>
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship Day
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 7
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 8
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Storybook Sunday</b>
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 9
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 10
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	“Christmas Retreat” for the kids/Kalanta
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship Day
January 6 <sup>th</sup> /2019	Family Worship Day
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 11
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 12
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 13
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Storybook Sunday</b>

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February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 14
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship Day
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 16
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Storybook Sunday</b>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 17
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 18 <i>Kids to participate in Icons Procession</i>
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship Day (March Break)
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Storybook Sunday</b>
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 19
Palm Sunday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lesson 20 <i>Kids participate in Palms Procession</i>
Holy Monday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Youth Retreat and Myrofores Meeting</b>
Pascha — April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship Day
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Storybook Sunday</b>
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 21 – <i>Myrofores &amp; Altar Servers Celebration</i>
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship Day
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lesson 22
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Last day of Sunday School – Celebration</b>

**LEGEND:**

**LESSON:** Sunday School lesson with our teacher.

**STORYBOOK SUNDAY:** Fr. Tim will read to the kids an age-appropriate story. Aimed at younger kids

**FAMILY WORSHIP DAY:** No Sunday School lesson planned Kids are encouraged to come to Church with their family.

**Program subject to change.**

## **RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Please note that **regular attendance** will mean a better understanding of content and lessons. Also, it means a better relationship with peers and teachers. Taking part in performances will also be dependent on regular attendance.

Students are expected to be on time for **Divine Liturgy**. After Holy Communion, children will proceed to the Sunday school room for the duration of the lesson. We ask that you not interrupt the lesson for early pick up.

Students are expected to behave in a **respectful manner** towards themselves, other peers, the teachers, and the Priest. If disrespectful behavior occurs, and continues after a warning and reminder, students will be asked to join their parents inside the Church.

If this behavior does not improve when children attend following lessons, they will be asked to stay behind to speak to the teachers, Priest and parents in a meeting.

**Disrespectful behavior** includes constant interruptions to the lesson, bothering peers or getting into their space, violent behavior or inappropriate language. This behavior is not expected, yet at times may occur, so it is important that we focus on the safety and well-being of all the individuals in the class.

We look forward to teaching and working with you and your children this coming year. We pray that God blesses you always!

*~ The Sunday School Staff and Volunteers of  
Sts. Nicholas and Dimitrios Orthodox Church of East Vancouver.*

