

Orthodox Institute Northern California Information

The Institute is being presented by a team from the Antiochian Archdiocese, the OCEC, and the OCA. Participants are offered three sessions. Coursework can lead to one of three certificates of participation:

*Teacher Training I (Basic) or,
Teacher Training II (Advanced) or,
"Sharing Your Faith" Special Certificate*

If a certificate is not desired, participants may also choose to attend courses of interest from any track. Course descriptions are on the back of the brochure.

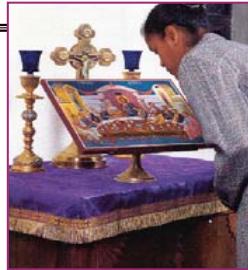
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED. The fee of \$30 (after September 20th the fee is \$35), covers a notebook full of materials, lunch and refreshments, and helps defray the travel costs of the presenters. The fee is payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral.



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"Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness"

The title of the OCEC Teacher Training Program comes from the writings of St. John Chrysostom, in his epistle to the Ephesians. The OCEC Department of Teacher Training offers this workshop to improve the quality of education in our church schools by providing Orthodox teachers with knowledge of the faith, basic instructional techniques, and provides the curriculum and resources available. For further information contact Myra Kovalak (mekovalak@gmail.com).



Registration Form

Orthodox Institute Northern California

Name _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Parish: _____

Course Selection

You may take all three courses in a track to earn a certificate, or if you aren't interested in a certificate, you may choose courses from any of the tracks. Please check the courses you will take for each session.

	Teacher Training I	Teacher Training II	"Sharing Your Faith"
Session I	Overview of Orthodoxy ()	Enhancing the Classroom Experience ()	Overview of Evangelism ()
Session II	Introduction to Teaching ()	Overview of Moral Issues ()	Orthodoxy, Catholicism and the Protestants ()
Session III	Curriculum and Resources ()	Arts and Crafts for Religious Education ()	Helping Children Share their Faith ()

Teacher Training I Coursework

Overview of Orthodoxy

The basic tenets of our faith project are provided in an interactive course that models a variety of teaching techniques.

Introduction to Teaching

Effective teaching is a combination of planning and management. Topics include: how to write a measurable objective, five components of a lesson plan with ideas for the presentation of each, and how to manage a positive, productive classroom.

Curriculum and Resources

An overview of “best resources” will be provided. Websites valuable for Orthodox education will be explored. Teachers may receive special instruction in *The Way, The Truth, and The Life*, and *The Scribe*.



Teacher Training II Coursework

Enhancing the Classroom Experience

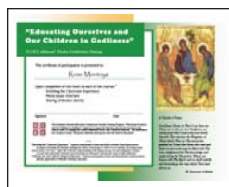
Teachers will be provided with tools to instruct students in a variety of ways, based on how they learn. The principles of teaching special needs students will also be addressed.

Overview of Moral Issues

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.

Utilizing Crafts for Religious Education

Easy arts and crafts ideas will be introduced for use in the church school among various age levels and different degrees of abilities. Simple games will also be demonstrated.



“Sharing Your Faith” Coursework

Overview of “Sharing Your Faith”

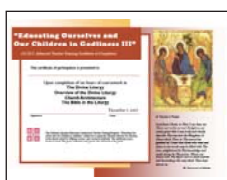
Orthodox Christians have been entrusted with the life-giving ancient faith, but “*Do Orthodox Evangelize?*” Fr. Daniel will answer the question and offer suggestions for overcoming the difficulties of sharing the faith.

Orthodoxy, Catholicism, & the Protestants

Orthodoxy and Catholicism share a 1000-year common history. The division will be touched upon, but the focus of the course will be on current similarities and differences. Several “Protestant,” groups and beliefs will be examined and compared with Orthodoxy.

Helping Children Share their Faith

Teachers and parents can guide and nurture children’s spirits so they may ultimately share their faith. Examples from Scripture Tradition and the Saints will provide advice and inspiration.



Announcing the 2009
Orthodox Institute Northern California

Theme:

“Sharing Your Faith”

Special Guest

Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Department of Evangelism of the Orthodox
Church of America



Saturday, September 26, 2009

St. Nicholas Cathedral, San Francisco, California



Presenters include:

Carole Buleza, Director

Antiochian Orthodox Department of Christian Education,

Myra Kovalak, Director,

OCEC Teacher Training Department

Joseph Tershay, Department of Christian Education
Diocesan Coordinator

Lee Haskin, OCEC Trainer

The Institute is a pan-Orthodox event that encompasses teacher training, and education on topics of Orthodox belief in an enjoyable atmosphere of fellowship and sharing. Course descriptions on the back of the brochure.

Saturday, September 26

8:30 Registration, pastry and coffee

9:00 Session I

11:00 Break

11:15 Session II

12:15 Break for lunch

Schedule

12:45 Session II continues

1:45 Break

2:00 Session III

4:00 Certificates and Closing

5:00 Vespers

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