

## **Church School report 2026**

**Church School goal:** Provide the knowledge and foundation of the Christian life and teach children Orthodox life skills to prepare them to serve God in Orthodox Christian communities in the future.

### **Objectives:**

1. Instructing children in the foundation of Orthodox faith at the Church School classes every Saturday.
2. Teaching children Orthodox life skills (singing, reading, bell ringing, serving, parish volunteering) to prepare them for their future ministry at the Church.
3. Establishing friendship among Orthodox peers.

### **Church School activities every Saturday:**

**4:15 pm** – Youth Choir/Church Slavonic

**5:00 pm** – Church School class

**6:00 pm** – All-Night Vigil (children participate, sing, read and serve)

### **Church school groups and teachers:**

6-9 years old - “Church Studies” - Teacher: Alexandra Pyrozhenko

10 -14 y. o. - “Law of God” - Teacher: Father Colin

15+ y. o. - “Boosting Confidence program”, “Foundation of Liturgics” - Teacher- Father Gregory

Youth Choir - Teacher: Ken Doll (10-15+ y.o.)

Church Slavonic (12-15+) - Teacher: Elena Mullin

### **Other Church School activities 2025-26.**

**I semester: September-December 2025:**

1. Celebrating the beginning of the new Church School year, reading the Akathist to the Mother of God by children. October, 3.
2. Halloween Alternative, October 31.
3. Pilgrimage to the Dormition Monastery (participation in the Divine services, work and spiritual discussion), November 14-16.
4. Children's Liturgy on St. Nicholas Day, December 19.
5. Participating in the annual bake sale, December 20.

**II semester: January - May 2026:**

1. Helping with Yolka preparation - December - January.
2. Making larks together to celebrate the feast of 40 Martyrs of Sebaste, March 21.
3. Participating in Lazarus Saturday Liturgy, preparing for Palm Sunday, decorating the church for the Feast, April 4.
4. Reading the Acts of the Apostles before Pascha Liturgy, April 11.
5. Children's Liturgy on Bright Saturday, April 18.
6. Children's Paschal celebration and Egg hunt, April 26.
7. Pilgrimage to the Dormition Monastery (participation in the Divine services, work and spiritual discussion), May 15-17.