



## **Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy**

### **Toddler and Pre-K Law of God Program Overview**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy (A2OCA) is excited to announce a weekly early childhood catechism program for our youngest learners. The early childhood catechism program will be offered at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Church (9900 Jackson Road, Dexter, MI) on Wednesdays from approximately 10:00 - 11:00am following the conclusion of the 8:00am Divine Liturgy. All are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy before the start of class! The first class will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021. It is required that a caregiver attend the program with the participant or remain nearby at St. Vladimir's. There isn't a cost for the program and all are welcome!

#### **GOALS**

1. Provide children under the age of 5 with an opportunity to learn more about Orthodox beliefs and church practices and customs in an age-appropriate and interactive way.
2. Involve young children in church life and provide an opportunity for them to interact with clergy in an informal setting.

#### **TOPICS**

A variety of topics will be covered including, but not limited to:

- Scriptures
- Lives of Saints
- Great Feasts
- Hymns and prayers
- Aspects of Liturgy
- Appropriate church behavior and etiquette
- Age-appropriate jobs for children
- Clergy roles and attire

#### **ACTIVITIES**

A number of activities will be conducted including, but not limited to:

- Venerating and cleaning icons
- Arranging flowers
- Reading relevant books

- Doing relevant crafts
- Learning and reciting prayers and hymns
- Learning and practicing making the sign of the cross
- Learning and practicing how to light a candle
- Learning about Matthew 25 mission - bringing a food donation, making cards for elderly parishioners

#### FALL SEMESTER DATES

Date	Feast/Saint Day
Oct 6, 2021	Conception of St. John the Baptist "Hawaiian" Myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God
Oct 13, 2021	St. Gregory of Armenia St. Michael of Kiev
Oct 20, 2021	Martyrs Serguis & Baccus St. Jonah of Manchuria
Oct 27, 2021	Martyr Nazarius & company St. Paraskeva
Nov 3, 2021	St. Hilarion the Great
Nov 10, 2021	Great-martyr Paraskeva St. Demetrius of Rostov
Nov 17, 2021	St. Joannicius the Great
Nov 24, 2021	Martyr Menas of Egypt St. Theodore of Studion
Dec 1, 2021	Martyr Platon of Ancyra Martyr Romanus the Deacon
Dec 8, 2021	Entry of the Theotokos Apodosis St. Clement of Rome
Dec 15, 2021	Prophet Habakuk
Dec 22, 2021	Conception of Theotokos

Dec 29, 2021	Prophet Haggai
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**CONTACT**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [info@a2oca.org](mailto:info@a2oca.org). Thank you again for your interest in our early education Law of God program and we look forward to seeing you soon!