

STS. THEODORE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Church School and Youth Ministry

Parent Survey

Personal/Contact Information:

Parent Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address(es): _____

Youth Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

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What are the most effective methods of getting information to you about upcoming events, activities, reminders, and schedule/location changes? Please circle all that apply.

Church Announcements

Cell phone

Email

Text message/Remind

Facebook

Parish Bulletin

Smoke Signals

US Postal Service

Parish Website

Other:

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Parental Concerns:

- 1. What are some good things you see or concerns you have regarding your children growing up in the Church, both our parish and the Orthodox Church at large? (e.g. they do not understand their faith or the services, they feel disconnected or do not relationships with others in the church, etc.)**

- 2. What are some areas in which you (parents) feel good about and what are some concerns you have regarding your child's/children's personal knowledge and expressions of the faith, either at home or in the Church?**

- 3. What are some good things you see or concerns you have about your child/children growing up Orthodox in your family, school, social, etc circles outside of the parish? (e.g. he/she has no Orthodox friends, he/she is exposed to ideas by teachers or peers that I am concerned about, etc.)**

- 4. How can I as a priest, or our parish as a whole, assist you in fostering the good things you see or addressing any concerns you have for your children?**

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Church School:

- 1. If our Church were to launch a weekly Church School program to be held on Sunday's after the children have eaten, how likely would you be to have your children regularly take part in it? (If "unlikely" or "not at all", is there a reason – e.g. schedule conflict?)**

Very Likely

Somewhat Likely

Unlikely

Not at all

- 2. We intend to use *The Law of God* as the basis of our lessons for our Church School program. In addition to the Bible Stories, Church History, and basic information about the faith included in *The Law of God*, what other things would you want your children to learn? (Obviously some of these options would only be addressed where age appropriate.)**

Church Singing

Church Services

Church Feast Days

Lives of Saints

Church Reading

Home Prayers

Dealing with Technology

Being Orthodox in a Non-Orthodox Culture

Contemporary Moral Issues (Sexual Morality, Abortion, Euthanasia, etc.)

Other:

- 3. Do you have any other ideas for what our Church School program could do either during regularly class meetings or as special events?**

- 4. How might you help us in running our Church School program? (Think of what gifts you have to offer and we will figure out how to make use of them.)**

Teach a class

Assist with musical aspect

Do crafts with little one

Pray for our children

Assist in a class

Watch someone's little children so they can teach

Other:

- 5. If we were to organize a week-long Vacation Church School during the summer of 2020 (provided it does not conflict with your vacation or travel plans), how likely would you be to enroll your children and bring them each day?**

Very Likely

Somewhat Likely

Unlikely

Not at all

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Youth Ministry

- 1. If our Church were to plan fun events on weeknights or weekend afternoons (e.g. a hike and bonfire on a Sunday afternoon, roller skating or bowling outing on a weeknight evening, helping out at a soup kitchen on a Saturday midday, etc), how likely would you be to have your children (mostly teens and older pre-teens) regularly take part in these? (If “unlikely” or “not at all”, is there a reason – e.g. schedule conflict?)**

Very Likely

Somewhat Likely

Unlikely

Not at all

- 2. What sorts of events would you like to see planned for our young people in the Church?**

Day trips to local attractions

Service projects outside the parish

Monastery trip

Social gatherings with spiritual talks

Other:

Fun outings: bowling, rollerskating, etc

Service projects for the parish/parishioners

Camping

Mission Trips

- 3. What are some ways in which you would be willing to help out with our youth ministry?**

Lead/facilitate a group discussion

Provide transportation

Provide/coordinate food

Offer my resources for use (e.g. home, land, boat, sporting equipment, etc)

Coordinate community service events

Open my home for a gathering/event

Volunteer wherever I am needed

- 4. What other ideas do you have for our youth ministry?**