

Sunday School Grade 7

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The AGAPE curriculum is for exceptional student education [ESE] for Sunday School. It is designed by the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States.
- This is a modified curriculum designed for individuals with special needs.
- This curriculum is intended to be taught alongside with the general Sunday School program for each grade.

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- Inclusion is an important aspect of the social and learning paradigm of individuals with special needs.
- Stewards serving children and youth with special needs should try to integrate the students in the mainstream classes for as much time as can be tolerated by the student with special needs.
- Integration and inclusion foster friendships among the same age peer group.

Preparation for Canonical Hours Prayers: The Agpeya Prayers (I)

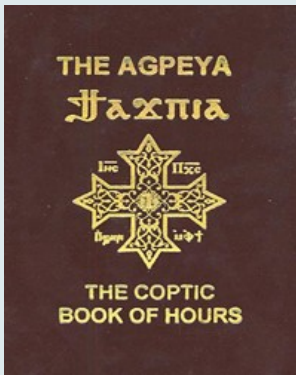
Lessons for the Month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

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- The Agpeya aims at raising our concentration and feelings to the level of pure prayer. It should not be done as a duty or routine.
- Praying by the Agpeya is of great benefit to us. If we were given freedom, we would do nothing.
- Do not neglect your prayers no matter how tired you are. When we pray, we are united in spirit with many others.
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- Be active in your prayer and complete your prayer till it ends and say “God have mercy on us”.

Word Bank

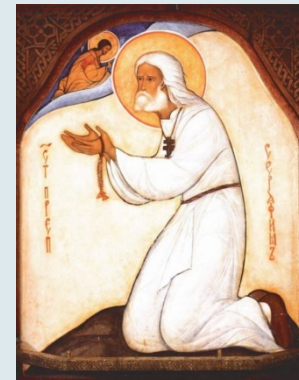
- **Agpeya**



- **Concentration**



- **Benefit**



- **Do not neglect**



- **Bow**



- **Active**



Objective: To make prayer as a holy habit.



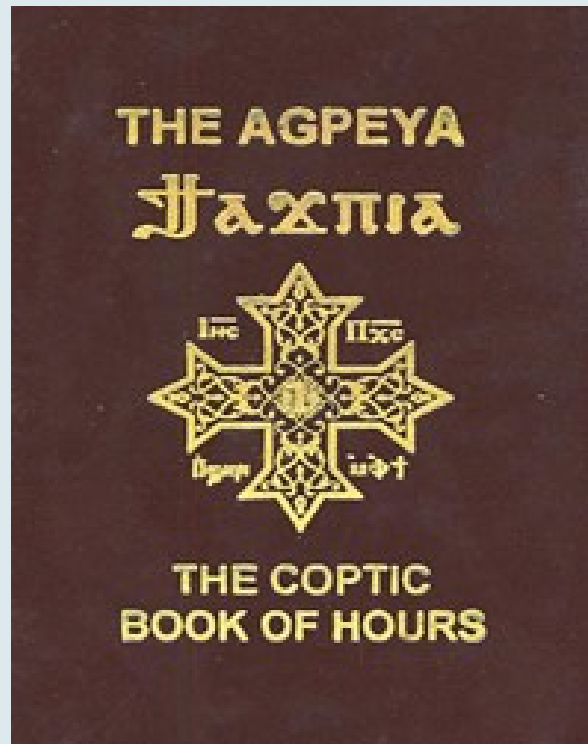
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**Memory Verse: “Men always ought to pray
and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1)**



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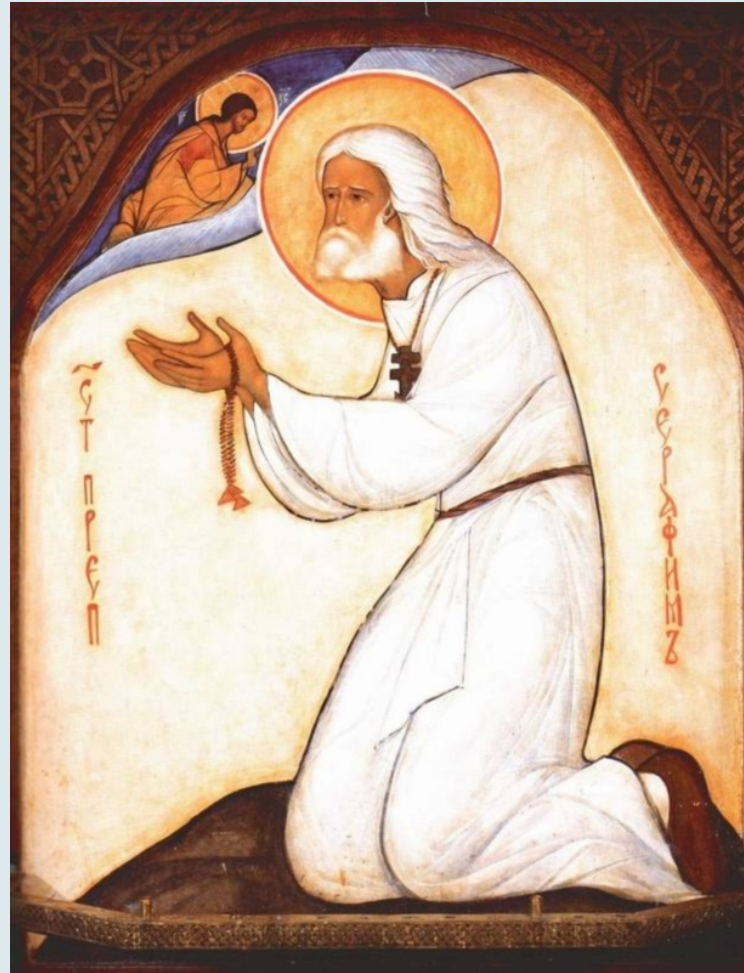
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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

Resources

- Application
 - Coordinate a time for A.G.A.P.E. students to interact with non- A.G.A.P.E. students.
- Activities—Customize according to student abilities, speech, and fine and gross motor skills.
 - Coloring/Painting
 - Cut and Paste
 - Music/Games
- References
 - <http://www.suscopts.org/ssc/Grade07.pdf>