

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 (II) Lessons for the Month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**
 - The Matins begins daily with offering bows and thanks to God (Mitanya and thanksgiving).
 - The Psalms then the Gospel of the hour are read. The litanies are prayed.
 - The litanies – 1st The true light of God Himself. 2nd we remember the senses that give light and the bright thoughts. 3rd we live some moments with the Mother of Light.
 - The Vespers is a prayer of repentance. It is better for us to remember our sins in which we might have fallen on purpose or accidentally.
 - The Creed is said. We say “Lord have mercy on us 41 times. We pray the absolution of the hour.
 - The conclusion of every hour. We pray for God to have Mercy on us O Lord and be kind to us.

Word Bank

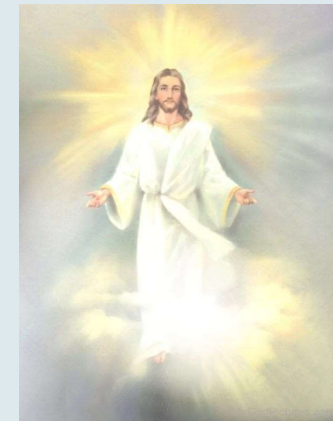
- **Mitanya**



- **Gospel reading**



- **True Light**



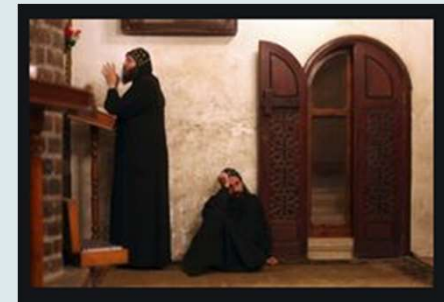
- **Repentance**



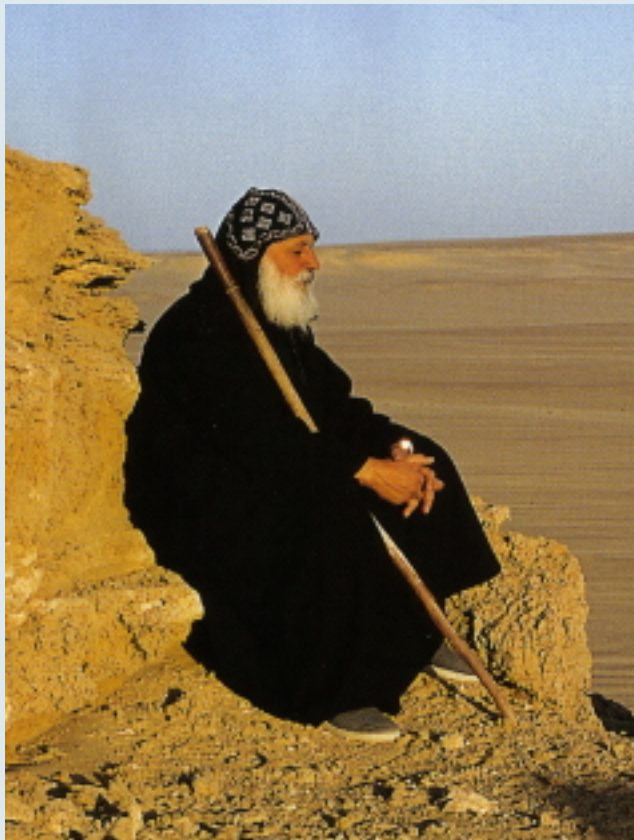
- **Lord Have Mercy**



- **Conclusion**



Objective: To be acquainted with the spiritual meanings of some of the Agpeya prayers.



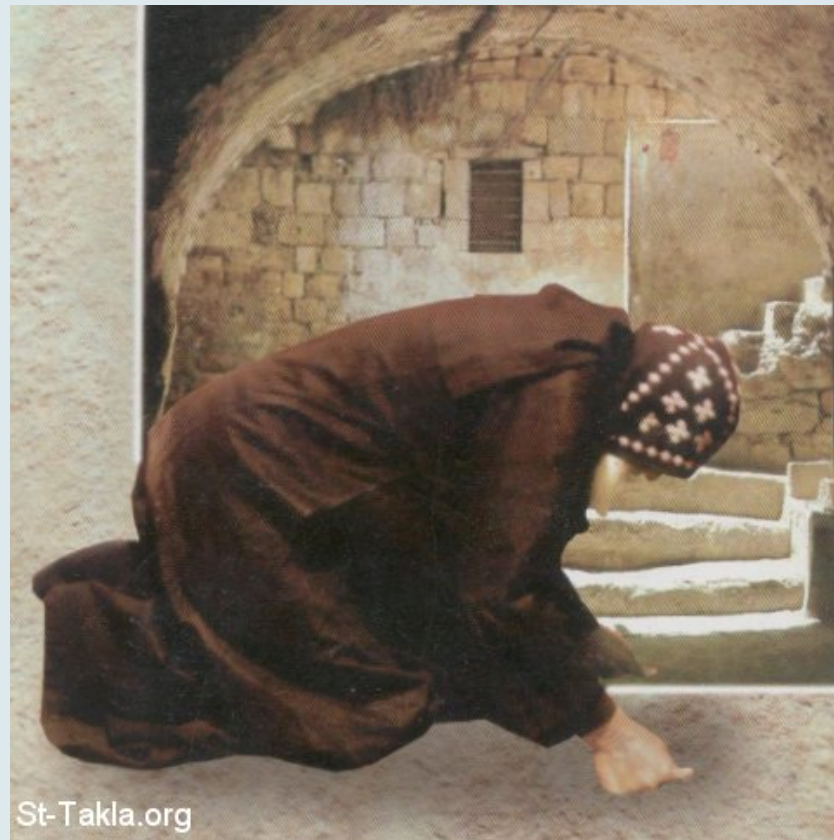
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Memory Verse: “*But I give myself to prayer*” (Psalm 109:4)



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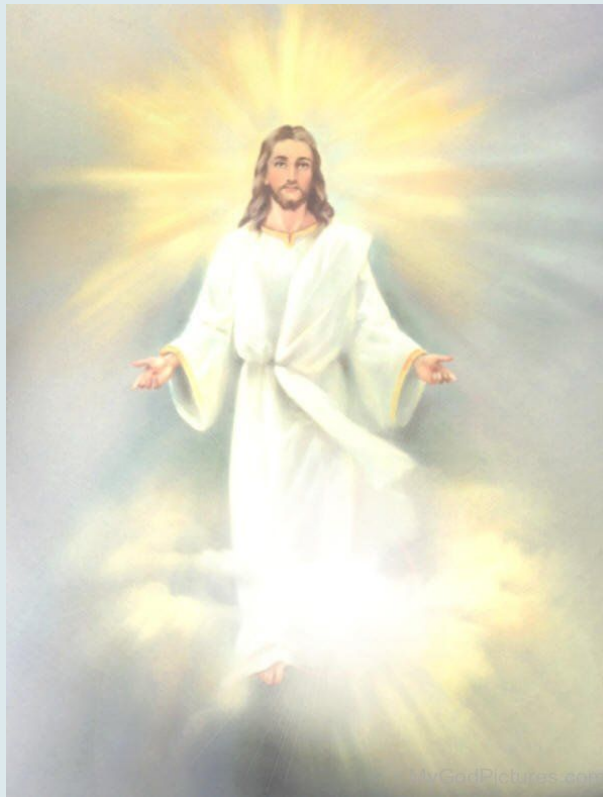
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Canonical Hours Prayers: The Agpeya Prayers (II)

Lessons for the Month of December

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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>