

Sunday School Grade 8 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States

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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 The Great Teachers of the Church

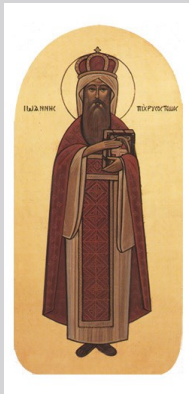
Lessons for the Month of November

• Lesson Outline: Week 4

- The following four great saintly church fathers life and teachings played a vital role in the church growth.
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- St. Basil the great is the writer of the Liturgy of St. Basil. He is one of the three leading Cappadocian Fathers.
- St. Gregory, the Speaker of Things Divine is the writer of the Liturgy of St. Gregory. He is one of the three famous and leading Cappadocian Fathers.
- St. Discoruous was the Patriarch of Alexandria and one of the leading heroes of faith. The name of this hero has a sweet sound as his name is accompanied with holy zeal for the Orthodox faith and sticking to the Fathers Creed.
- They were all strong in faith. They had zeal. They faced resistance, but they were steadfast.

Word Bank

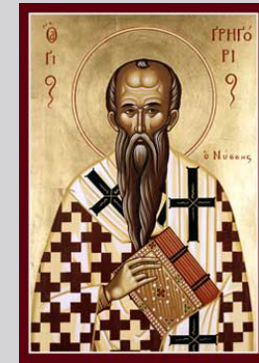
- St. John Chrysostom



- St. Basil



- St. Gregory



- St. Discoruous



- Cappadocian Fathers



- Creed

THE ORTHODOX CREED

Truly we believe in one God; God the Father the Pantocrator; creator of heaven and earth, and all things seen and unseen.

We believe in on Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of light, true God of true God, Begotten not created; of one essence with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnated of the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried,

And on the third day He rose from the dead according to the Scriptures.

Ascended into heavens, and sits at the right hand of His Father, and He is coming again in His glory to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

Yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And in One, Holy, Catholic (universal) and apostolic Church. We confess one Baptism for the remission of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Objective: Being acquainted with the pillars of the Christian Theological Thought.



Memory Verse: None



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The Great Teachers of the Church

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- **Conclusion**
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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/Grade08.pdf>