

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 Fathers of the Church

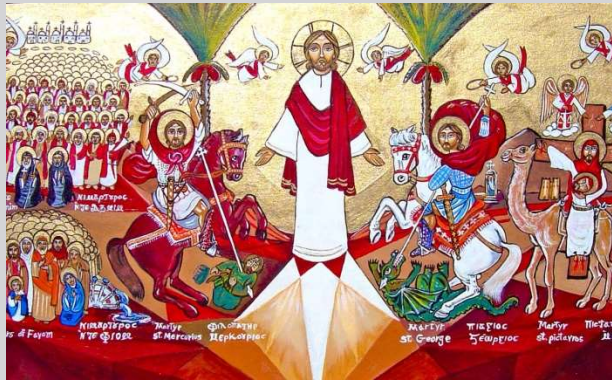
Lessons for the Month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- The church remembers her fathers in every liturgy. Their feasts are celebrated.
- Their stories are read from the Synaxarium. We seek their intercession. The church fathers are divided into four categories.
- The Apostolic Fathers-They are the fathers who were contemporary with the Apostles and Disciples. Example St. Ignatius and St. Clement.
- The Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils – Example St. Athanasius.
- Father Monks - Example Anba Anthony.
- The Founders - The teachers of the church

Word Bank

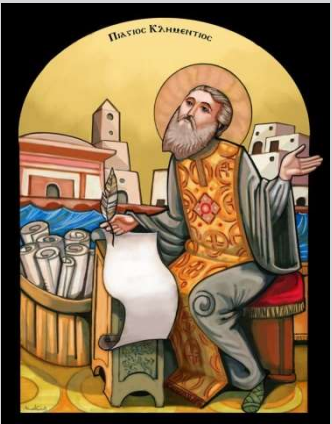
- Church Fathers



- St. Athanasius



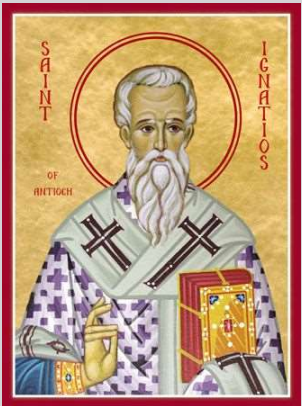
- St. Clement



- Abba Anthony



- St. Ignatius



- Teacher



Objective: To be familiar with the heritage and Spiritual experience of our Fathers



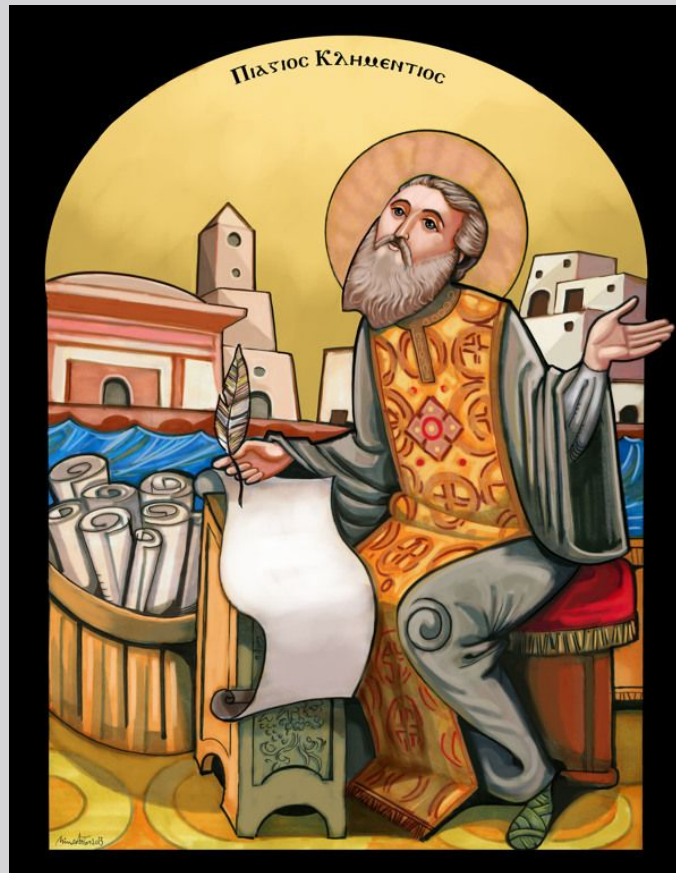
Memory Verse: “Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct” (Hebrews 13:7)



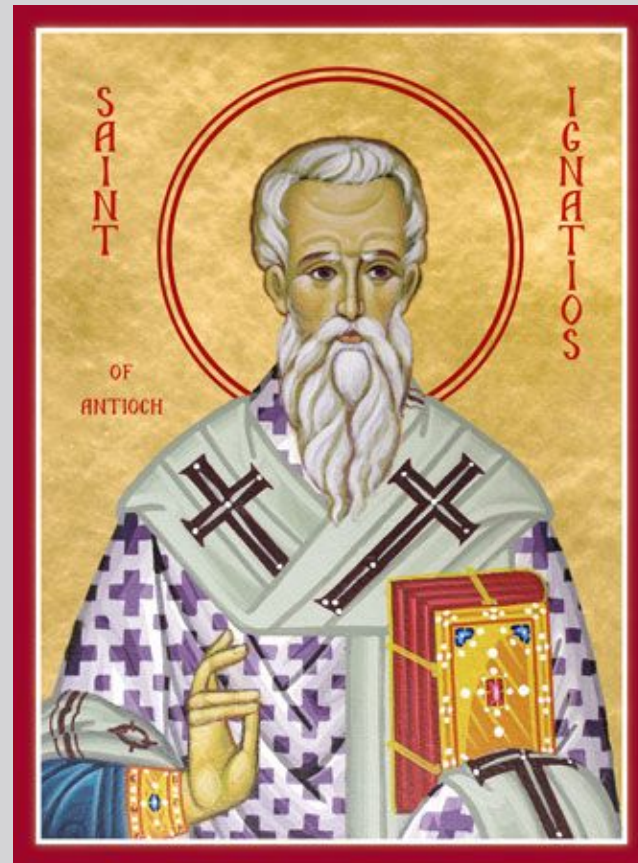
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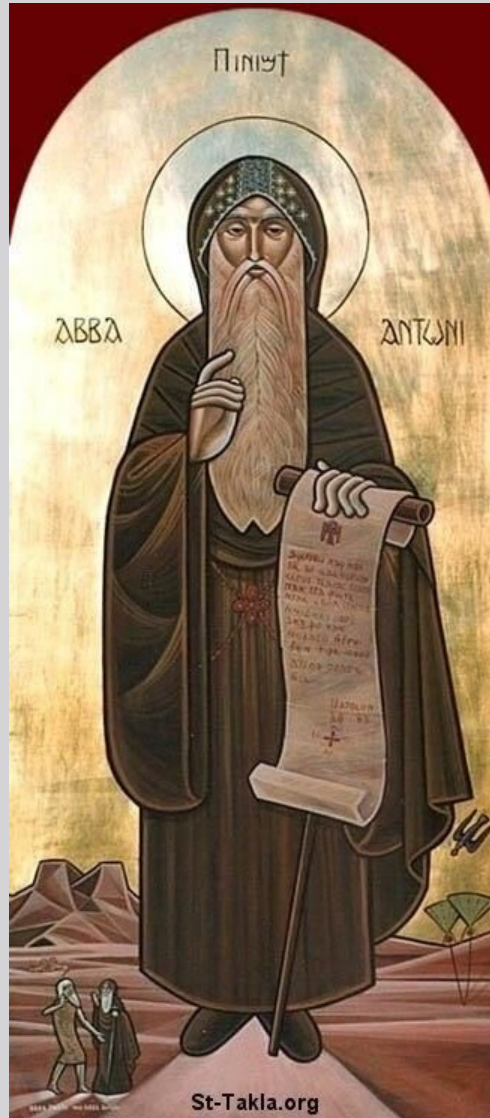


The Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils – Example St. Athanasius.



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Fathers of the Church

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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>