






FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
12	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	SAINTS OF ANTIOCH AND ALL THE EAST	46: St Ignatius of Antioch

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes (Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this:] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Starter: Ask the students what a saint is and how someone becomes a saint.

Learning objectives: To have a general biographical knowledge of St. Ignatius; how he became a saint; why he is called "God-bearer"; his significance as an early Christian martyr and theologian.

Core Activities and Learning

1. Read the life of St. Ignatius here: https://orthodoxwiki.org/Ignatius_of_Antioch
Discuss the life and ministry of St Ignatius in small groups and record findings, presenting them to the class. Discuss why he was glorified as a saint. Use the icon of the saint to illustrate.
2. Give the students examples of persecuted and martyred Christians today. Go here for resources: <https://barnabasfund.org/> How can we help?
3. Create a poster to communicate the sufferings of the persecuted Church
4. Read or preferably sing together:

Troparion (Tone 4)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation,
O inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith,
even to the shedding of your blood.
Hieromartyr Ignatius, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

The stirring celebration of your victorious fight
Is an announcement of the One who is to be born of the Virgin.
In your eagerness to possess Him forever,
You hastened to be devoured by the wild beasts.
Therefore, O glorious Ignatius, you were called the bearer of God!

Resources: Ignatios_of_Antioch.jpg, pencils, poster paper, art materials.

Review: St Ignatios went to his death willingly rather than deny Christ.

Follow Up: Research one prominent modern Christian martyr.