







## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

| Age | Term | Mod. | Module Theme | Module Title    | Lesson Number and Title |
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| 18  | 2    | 4    | CELEBRATIONS | Athonite Saints | 76: St Peter of Athos   |

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:** Trisagion Prayers

**Starter:** How do we discover what God's will is for our lives?

**Learning objectives:** 1. To be able to recall the life and witness of St Peter of Athos  
2. To apply some insights of his life and death to contemporary Orthodox Christian living.

### Core Activities and Learning

Study together the life from here: <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2014/06/12/101697-venerable-peter-of-mt-athos>

#### DISCUSS

1. St Peter chose a wrong path in life and lost his freedom. What did he fail to do?
2. On the Holy Mountain the devil tried to get him to leave. Why and how? What had St Peter learned from his earlier life that enabled him to withstand these often quite subtle attacks?
3. Look at your own life. Can you think of any examples where the wrong choice is not a sinful action in itself but only becomes sinful when it goes against God's will for you.
4. Why do you think that the Athonite monastic saints all regard the Theotokos as both the guardian of the Holy Mountain (her Garden) and their leader?

Kontakion of St Peter of Athos in Tone 4

Having received the noetic and heavenly light in thy heart, O Peter, thou wast seen to be a most radiant vessel of the pure Trinity; and thou didst receive the grace to work miracles, and dost cry: Alleluia.

#### Resources:

Notepaper, pens

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**Review:** St Peter of Athos found God's path for his life by correcting an initial error.

**Follow Up:** Research St Athanasios of Mount Athos