







FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
9	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	AFTER PASCHA	33: All Saints

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)

							
Verbal V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Logical L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spatial S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kinaesthetic K	Musical M	Intra - personal P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inter - personal P2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural N

Prayer: O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Starter: Why is the Feast of All Saints celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost? What is the connection between the Holy Spirit and the Saints?

Learning objectives: To learn when, why and how we celebrate the All Saints Day.

Core Activities and Learning

Introduction: The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown.

Explain to children how the world has changed the meaning and the purpose of this Feast day into Halloween, (observed in the west later in the year, (a day that people do not remember the Saints now but dress up with different costumes, go trick or treating and parties.

Read from the New Testament: Revelation 7:9-17.

Ask children who are the people with the white robes as described by St John at the Book of Revelation.

In your teaching, you can refer to the following points:

- The saints are the friends of God and our friends, since they intercede to God for us.
- We honour the Saints for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind.
- The saints of the Church are so many. We have the Feast Days of the Saints we know, but we also have many Saints that are unknown.
- The Church commemorates all her Saints known and unknown by establishing a Day in the Church Calendar when we honour and remember all the holy people.
- The Sunday of All Saints is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.

Group activity:

Bring the icon of the All Saints and explain the context to the children. For your answers, see the link below:

<https://iconreader.wordpress.com/2013/07/01/all-saints-icon-the-great-cloud-of-witnesses/>

Duplicate a large circle on a piece of A4 card, Divide the circles into 4 quadrants, Duplicate and distribute, The children make a large badge with the 4 evangelists' names in each quadrant and a free hand drawing of the animal which is his symbol: St Matthew / a wise man; St Mark / a lion; St Luke / an ox; St John / an eagle.

Teacher Resource: http://catholic-resources.org/Art/Evangelists_Symbols.htm

Resources: Card, art materials

Revelation 4:5-11; 7:9-17;

http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/allsaints/index.html

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Review: The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints.

Follow Up: Complete the rest of the exercise from the Group activity and bring it in next time.