







FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
10	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	FEASTS OF THE THEOTOKOS	37: Protecting Veil of the Theotokos

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this:] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

Starter: Discuss briefly with the children how our mothers care for us. How is the Theotokos similar?

Learning objectives: To learn about the Feast of the Protecting Veil of the Theotokos.

Core Activities and Learning

Explain to children that the Fast celebrates the protective intercession of the Mother of God from a large pagan Russian fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867. The Feast is held annually on the 14th of October.

Read the story from the web site: <http://www.russianchurchcheltenham.org.uk/2012/10/1384/>

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Ask children the following questions:

- From what were the people of Constantinople were threatened?
- How did Theotokos protected the people in Constantinople?
- Who were the people who saw the vision?

Group activity: Print and distribute the Troparion of the Feast day to the children and explain the words where necessary.

"Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you: 'Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, your Son and our God that He may save our souls.'"

Sing together this hymn.

Working together in small groups ask the children to write their own prayer to Our Lady emphasising the aspect of protection.

Resources: Paper, pens, Protection of Theotokos icon.jpg

Review: On the feast of the Protecting Veil of Theotokos we celebrate the protective intercession of the Mother of God from a large pagan Russian fleet which threatened Constantinople in the 9th century.

Follow Up: This week use both the troparion and the class prayer in your prayers. Be assured that the Mother of God is the Mother of us all and it is her fervent desire that we should grow closer to her Son.