









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
18	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	Athonite Saints	79: St Porphyrios

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: God is love. This was at the heart of the teachings of St Porphyrios. Hell is the experience of a soul that refuses love, refuses God. Invite the students to consider what this means for their own lives.

Learning objectives:

1. To appreciate by word and the example, the teachings of the saint.
2. To examine the implications for the mission of the Church.

Core Activities and Learning

1. Teacher Resource: [https://orthodoxwiki.org/Porphyrios_\(Bairaktaris\)_the_Kapsokalivite](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Porphyrios_(Bairaktaris)_the_Kapsokalivite)
Tell the students a little about the life of the Saint.
2. Watch this video about the teachings of St Porphyrios: <https://youtu.be/JhkoQ2T0azA>
3. An archive of quotes of the saint may be found here, (encourage the students to read: "Wounded by Love.")
<http://www.orthodoxchurchquotes.com/category/sayings-from-saints-elders-and-fathers/st-porphyrios/>
4. How might the world change around us if we all took St Porphyrios life and teaching to heart and practised it? What prevents us from doing this? How can we deal with that?

Resources: Laptop to show the video.

Review: Like St Seraphim of Sarov there was an essential but radical simplicity about St Porphyrios' teaching. God is love and therefore we must receive our brothers and sisters as beloved by God and Christ also embraced as our brother as well as our Saviour.

Follow Up: Research some contemporary Athonite elders who are still alive, eg., Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra Monastery: [https://orthodoxwiki.org/Aimilianos_\(Vafeidis\)](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Aimilianos_(Vafeidis))