

PARISH EDUCATION SERIES 2008

CHURCH SCHOOL:

- Anyone still interested in teaching or helping out with the classes, please see Father Timothy.
- There are still registration forms on the back table for the children who will be participating in the Church School program. Please fill them out and put them in Father's mailbox (by his office door)

Some dates to remember:

- *Teaching Vespers (an explanation of the service): Saturday, September 20: 6:00 pm*
- *Teaching Proskomedia (a demonstration): Sunday, September 21: 9:00 am*
- *1st day of Sunday School: Sunday, September 21, following Liturgy*

This Fall semester, all classes will be studying the Saints of our North American Church. We have 12 glorified saints of our land and it is imperative that we know them, emulate them, and ask for their prayers as we work to build up the Church here in Mechanicsburg. Any questions concerning the curriculum or teaching, please see Fr. Timothy.

"ORTHODOXY 101"

- Beginning Saturday, September 27, our parish catechism class will begin again. This class is open for EVERYONE - catechumens, inquirers, or parishioners just wanting to sharpen their knowledge of our faith.
- We will be meeting this fall on Saturdays BEFORE Vespers at 5:00 pm.
- A detailed schedule of what will be covered each week will be posted in the coming weeks. Please check the bulletin weekly.

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB:

- Beginning Wednesday, October 1, and continuing through the fall, we will begin a parish book club.
- For this discussion group, we will all read the same book on a topic of Orthodoxy, and then meet weekly to discuss the book's relevance to our faith, daily struggle, and expression as Orthodox Christians living in the world today.
- The first book will be Frederica Matthews Greene's "Facing East" a wonderful story of a priest wife's journey to Orthodoxy, and her struggle in a Mission Parish (see why I like it?).
- Many of her concerns, questions, and struggles are the same ones that many of you and I have expressed, and this is a wonderful way to discuss and grapple these points together as a community.
- Those who cannot attend are still encouraged to read the books with us as the discussions will no doubt spill over into Fellowship Hour the following Sunday.
- The first book "*Facing East: A Pilgrim's Journey into the Mysteries of Orthodoxy*": The book can be found online, is less than \$12 and can be delivered in a few days on www.amazon.com.