

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church



Religious Education Commitment for 2019 - 2020

Dear Parents,

This Religious Education Commitment Letter is a promise made between parents, their children and the Religious Education Program of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. The purpose of this commitment letter is to establish a mutual understanding of the responsibilities of all parents, children and teachers for the religious education of our children.

Requirements

1. All families enrolled in the Religious Education School must be stewards in good faith at Holy Trinity.
2. In order to participate in Church-sponsored activities such as HOPE, JOY, YHT [GOYA], all athletic teams, all dance groups and acolytes [altar boys], the child must first be enrolled in the Religious Education program.
3. In order to be eligible to play in a church-scheduled, Sunday athletic game, the child must attend church *and* the religious education class on that day. *This requirement equates the standards of the church to that of our public schools.* Exceptions are given by Father Peter.
4. If a member of GOYA, to attend the GOYA Christ Encounter Retreat held in the fall.

Learning Guidelines

The Religious Education program at Holy Trinity provides an atmosphere of learning for your child to be exposed to the teaching of the Orthodox Christian faith. Instruction does not stop once the child leaves the classroom but continues with your direction. The parent is encouraged to buy the same text book that your child will be using in the classroom in order to read and to become familiar with the lesson plan for that day. You will receive a syllabus in order to help you with this. It is equally important to engage in a religious dialogue with your child at home. We ask that you also consider the following important items:

- to regularly participate with your child in the Divine Liturgy
- to reinforce lessons by asking your child about them each Sunday
- to become familiar with the curriculum for your child's grade
- to volunteer to assist with Religious Education School activities

Please indicate at the bottom of the online form, that you and your child have read this document, as a sign of your commitment, promise and understanding of the importance of Religious Education. Thank you for your cooperation, participation and support in nurturing your child's Religious Education. The **online Religious Education Registration link can be found on the church website:**

<http://holytrinitywestfield.org/religious-education/>

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis

Anthony Bosco, Director