



HOLY CROSS - ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH (BARRIE)

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Dear parents,

With the various challenges we have faced over the past few years, our youth's spiritual education has always remained a priority. Taking into account our limited space and the varying ages of our youth, a traditional Sunday School program is no longer a viable option for us. Hence, we will continue with our version of Sunday School as we have been doing for the last few years.

The youth are asked to arrive to Church no later than 9:15am and sit with their parents (or join the Byzantine Choir if they are chanting). At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, I will ask the youth to approach the Solea and sit quietly on the carpet. At this point, for approximately 10-15 minutes, we will discuss the Gospel reading, answer any questions they may have, and provide a follow-up which is to be done at home with the family. Children will then return to their parents and/or Byzantine Choir and remain there for the duration of the Divine Liturgy.

As always, parents (and non parents) are encouraged to join us!

By God's grace, this format has proven to be the most effective and appropriate method for our parish to ensure that our youth's (and non-youth's) catechism/spiritual education has an important place in the life of our Church.

.....and please remember....***the youth are NOT the future...they are the present!***

In Christ.

+ Fr. Theodoros