



Topics included in this course

*The developmental and religious nature and needs of the 3-6 year old child.

*Those aspects of God and the Kingdom of Heaven that most deeply strike the 3-6 year old child's sense of wonder and love of God.

*Ways to help the young child more fully experience and participate in the Liturgy.

*Demonstration of all presentations and materials used in part 1 of Level 1 of the 3 year program cycle

*Helping course participants develop a personal catechist's album of presentations.

Formation Leader: Shelley Finkler

Shelley has been a catechist with CGS since 2007. She started the second Orthodox CGS programs in the US in 2009 at St John Orthodox Cathedral in Eagle River, Alaska. She is a recognized Formation Leader with the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Registration Form

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Part 1 Course

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Home parish: _____

Hospitality needed for overnight accommodations by Annunciation Parish

Mail Registration to:

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Level 1 Formation Course

June 25-June 30
Eastern Orthodox Church
of the Annunciation



What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the spiritual formation of children that is rooted in the Bible, the Liturgy of the Church and the educational methods of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an atrium, a room prepared especially for them, which contains simple yet beautiful child-size materials that help the child to absorb the most essential proclamations of the Christian faith. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a sensorial, rich, prayerful experience for children from ages 3 to 12 years old that gives them the opportunity to grow in love of and knowledge of God through the proclamations of the scriptures and the study of the Liturgy.

Formation Courses are the method by which the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered to adults. Adults will have the opportunity to see and practice presentations and materials given to children in a specific age group.

Each formation course includes preparation in giving the presentations (the lessons) to the children, provides a solid background in the Montessori educational approach; as well as the theological underpinnings of this work. The Formation Leader assists the adult catechist in writing an album, how to prepare the environment, and how to make the materials for the children's work.

"Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been described as the meeting of two mysteries: the mystery of God and the mystery of the child."
~Sofia Cavaletti, founder

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has the endorsement of Bishop David of Alaska (OCA), as well as Metropolitan Joseph of the Antiochian Archdiocese.

Level 1 Part 1

Level 1 Part 1 (of 2 parts) covering 3 years for the 3-6 year old child.

General Information

Church of the Annunciation will sponsor this course. It will be held from June 25 through June 30. Class will begin at 9 am and end at 5 pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The course will include Catholic and Orthodox presentations for content that is specific to each tradition. Tuition is \$250.00. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged. A deposit of \$100 with registration will hold your spot.

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