

Sunday School

EXCITING NEWS: We are offering IN PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL for our Toddler 2's - 6th Grade. These classes will be conducted right AFTER Holy Communion, every Sunday, for the remainder of the School Year!! Of course we understand that you may not be ready to return to church quite yet. For that reason we will continue to send out our VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL lessons every week.

We will not have classes for our 7th - High School students, but we do expect them to attend church in person or virtually, complete the weekly lesson on the Gospel Reading provided by Fr. Stavros, and attend GOYA meetings.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY:

Sunday, February 14th: The 10 Commandments - The 2 Greatest Commandments **Wear RED Sunday**
February 21st: The Publican and Pharisee
Sunday, February 28th: The Prodigal Son



St. John's Greek Orthodox



SUNDAY SCHOOL

DRAW A PICTURE OF YOU BELOW AND COLOR THE HEARTS THAT ARE TRUE. ADD YOUR OWN REASONS WHY HYMNS ARE IMPORTANT IN THE BLANK HEARTS.



The Hymns of the Orthodox

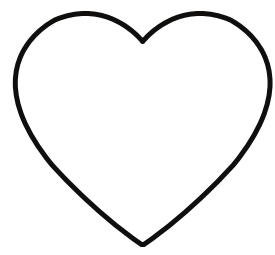
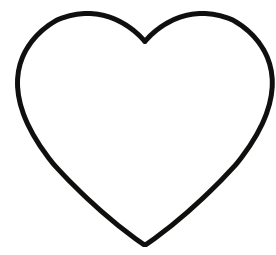
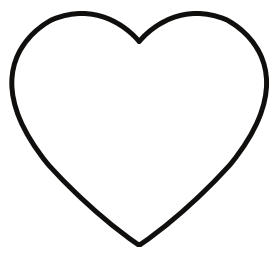
HYMS
LIFT MY
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HYMS HELP
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What is a Hymn and why is it so special? Hymns are prayer or meditation set to music. It is another beautiful way to connect to God. Not only are we praying but we are using our voices, our minds, and our senses to connect with God.

Hymns date back to the Old Testament. In the Book of Exodus after God parted the Red Sea, Moses and the Israelites crossed over to safety and immediately sang a song to God to praise Him and thank Him for saving them (Ex. 15:1-21).

King David is said to have written at least half of the Psalms in the Old Testament and those beautiful poems became the hymnal (songbook) of the Jewish people. When they went to the temple to pray, there were cantors who chanted the Psalms and all of the people would sing with them. This tradition of people singing in the Temple carried over to New Testament.

In the Gospel of Mark Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn before they went out.

The hymns of the church are based on 8 tones or modes and it creates a special sound that helps us form a deeper connection with God.