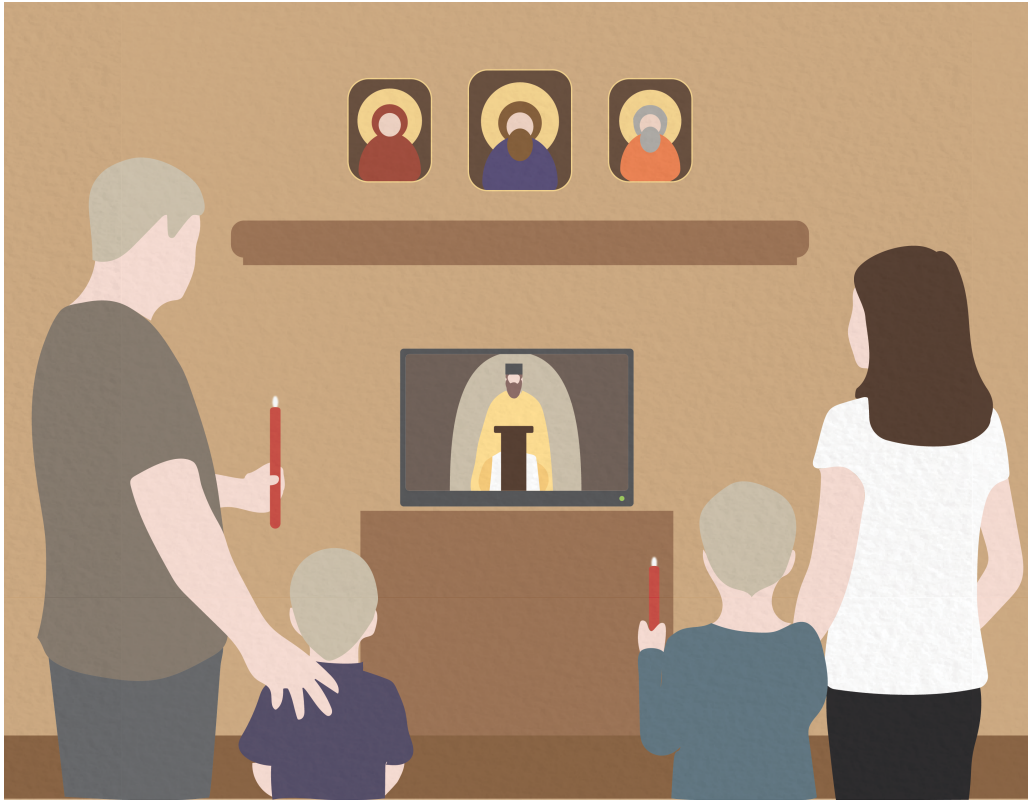


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# VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL

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## Steps to Creating Your Own Parish Lessons & Gathering Spot While Homebound During Covid-19



### GOAL:

Create 4-8 lessons to present to our church school students or adults on Sundays after live-streaming the Divine Liturgy in our homes

### CHOOSE A PLATFORM:

How will you deliver these lessons to your church school students?

- Web Conferencing: Zoom - It's free for up to 100 people and 40 minutes or less. You can send a link to your families, share resources with them, and video chat.
- Skype: Families will need to download the software. Up to 50 people at one time.

- Facebook Live: Free and provides the ability to share with a large number of people. However, not all families have a Facebook account or want their kids on Facebook.
- YouTube: Free. Record your lesson/talk and upload it to YouTube. Then you can email a link to families or put it on your church website.

## 1. DIVINE LITURGY:

- Provide a link to your parish (or another) live-streaming the liturgy on Sunday mornings
- Alternative Options: Add the Roku Channel - GOARCH - to your tv & watch
- Encourage families to sing and follow along at home
- Ages Initiative: <http://www.agesinitiatives.org> (They also have an app - AGES DCS - to follow along with all of the services)

## 2. WEEKLY LESSONS:

The lesson can be led by your parish priest or Sunday school teacher(s)

- Choose one theme or topic to provide context for your overall virtual program
- Idea #1 - (The Remainder of) Sundays of Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha
- Idea #2 - Saints (Patron Saints, Saints of your choosing, the Saints on the walls of your church - have a church tour and teach your kids about the saints on your walls)
- Idea #3 - Diakonia (Philanthropic service or love in practice)
- Idea #4 - Continue with what you had planned for your school year
- Additional resources will be added to Illumination Learning

## 3. PRAXIS:

Living our faith - provide an activity or project to be done during the week

- Teach our little ones how to make the sign of the cross & practice it before every meal
- Teach our older children (those who can read) how to use the Bible
- Read the Sunday Gospel on Saturday evening
- Expand your prayer time: before every meal, morning & evening prayers, prayers for those who have the coronavirus and those who are caring for them

- Send pictures, videos, or FaceTime/Skype our grandparents, the elderly in our parish, and those who have a weak immune system, necessitating the need to stay home right now
- Buy groceries for someone who has lost their job because of our current situation
- Offer to buy groceries and leave them on the doorstep of the elderly or sick
- Share our toilet paper, paper towel, and napkins with someone who doesn't have any
- Support local businesses so they can pay their employees