

WEEK 5: GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

PRE-K - KINDERGARTEN

GOALS

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Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Faithful

LESSON

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Reference page 31 and the top portion of 32 & pages 45-47 from "Christ Amongst Us"

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Visual & Tactile Activity:

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1ST - 2ND GRADE

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 - When does the second part of the Divine Liturgy begin? (After the Gospel / When we start singing the Cherubic Hymn)
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Using a chalk board or dry erase board, create a written visual to help your students frame the lesson in their mind:

Review and Discussion Questions:

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 - Who is a catechumen? (Someone learning about Orthodox Christianity)
 - When we refer to the faithful, who are we referring to? (Those who are baptized and live their faith)
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