

# WEEK 7: LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

PRE-K - KINDERGARTEN

## GOALS

Who is St. John Chrysostom?  
When do we use the Liturgy of St. John?

## LESSON

Vocabulary: Read the story of St. John Chrysostom included in this lesson; Discussion; and Review

### Vocabulary Introduction / Review

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Read the story about St. John Chrysostom included with this lesson.

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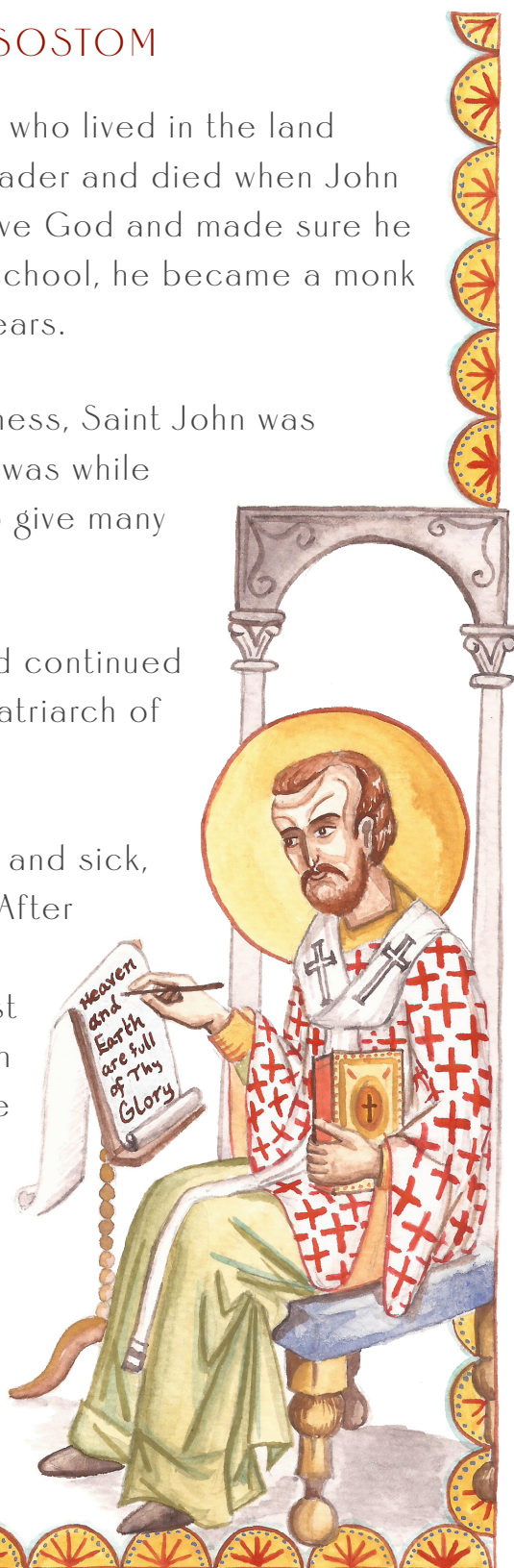
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1ST - 2ND GRADE

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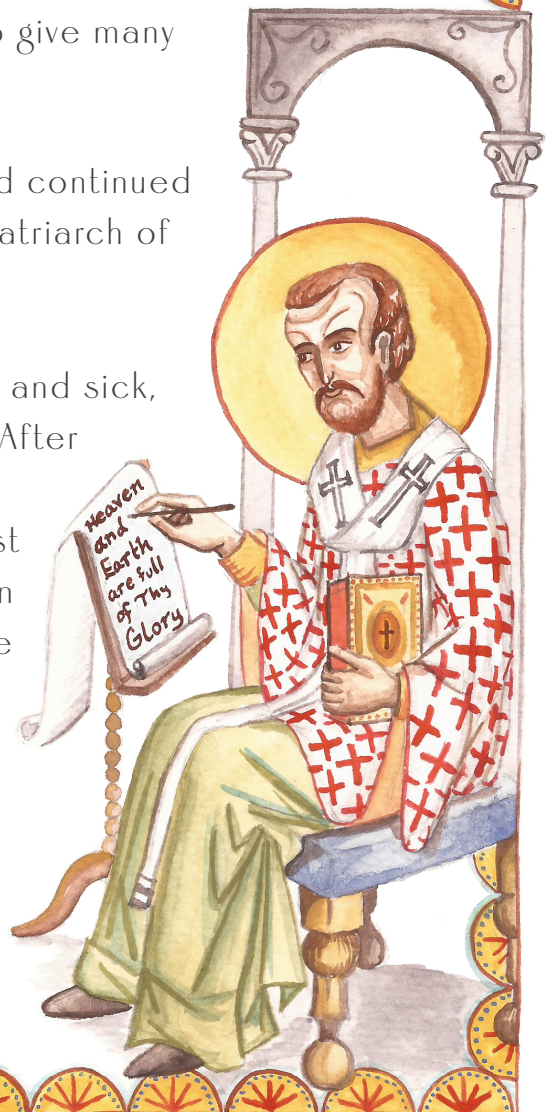
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3RD - 5TH GRADE

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## LESSON

Icon Discussion, Liturgy Discussion, Video

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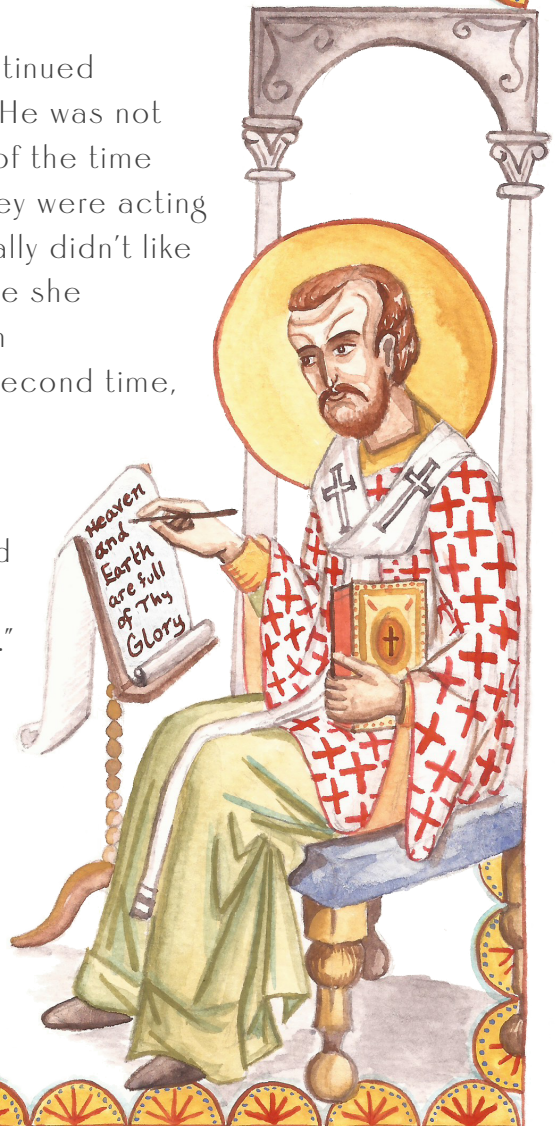
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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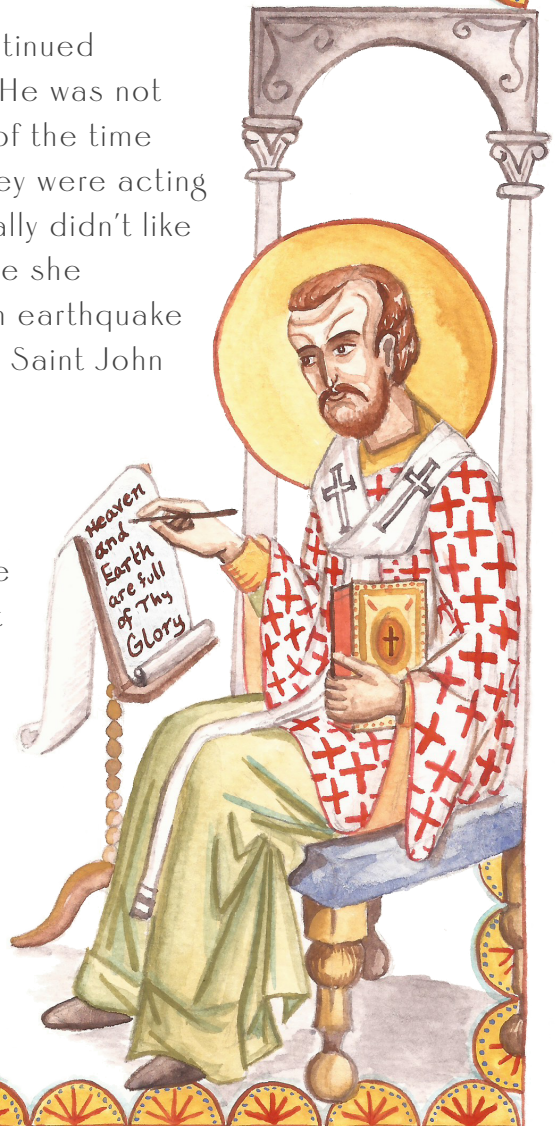
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## HIGH SCHOOL

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### LESSON

Icon Discussion, Liturgy Discussion, Video, Life of St. John

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