

Orthodox Journeys: Unit #3

Lesson Plan Overview

November 22 - January 2, 2021

✠ **Week 1:** 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Members of God's Household

November 22, 2020

Epistle/Apostol: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Tone/Mode: 7 (Plagal 3)

- How do we act as members of God's Household?
- How does a Christian live their life knowing that tomorrow is not guaranteed?
- How do we welcome all people into God's house?

✠ **Week 2:** 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Sharing God's Peace

November 29, 2020

Epistle/Apostol: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Tone/Mode: 8 (Plagal 4)

- What does it mean to have the Peace of the Spirit?
- Why was Jesus not afraid of healing on the Sabbath, even though it scandalized others?
- How do we share the Holy Spirit with others by our actions, not words?

✠ **Week 3:** 26th Sunday after Pentecost

God is Watching our Lives

December 6, 2020

Epistle/Apostol: Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Tone/Mode: 1

- "The light of Christ illumines all" is said during Lenten Scripture readings. What does it mean in our daily life?
- What does it feel like when we forget to say thank you?
- How would our life be different if we said "thank you" to everyone as if we had been helped by Christ Himself?

✠ **Week 4:** 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Turning to Christ

December 13, 2020

Epistle/Apostol: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Tone/Mode: 2

- Do we live as a Christian every day, or only sometimes?
- How often do we make excuses to not attend Divine Liturgy, or pray every day?
- How do we prepare ourselves so that we do not avoid Christ?

✠ **Week 5:** 28th Sunday after Pentecost

Righteous Ancestors

December 20, 2020

Epistle/Apostol: Hebrews 11:9-10,
17-23, 32-40

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Tone/Mode: 3

- Why does the New Testament spend this time talking about people who died in the Old Testament?
- How has our family helped us grow in our Faith?
- Why do you like hearing about the righteous people of the Old Testament?

✠ **Week 6:** 29th Sunday after Pentecost

Responses to Meeting Christ

December 27, 2020

Epistle/Apostol: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Tone/Mode: 4

- How would you feel if you had to change your position as drastically as Saint Paul did?
- Have you ever known anyone who had to move away from home to be safe?
- "God has revealed Himself to us." Does this revelation change our life?



Feasts & Saints

November 24
St Catherine the Greatmartyr

November 26
Thanksgiving (US)

December 6
St Nicholas of Myra in Lycia

December 12
St Spyridon

December 13
St Herman of Alaska
Sunday of the Forefathers

December 20
St John of Kronstadt
Sunday before the Nativity

December 25
Nativity of our Lord (Christmas)

December 26
Synaxis of the Theotokos

January 1
Circumcision of our Lord
St Basil the Great
New Year's Day

January 2
St Seraphim of Sarov

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