

# Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Sprouts Lesson

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## Teacher Guide: 4th-5th Grade

### Objectives

1. Students will be able to understand and explain the purpose, structure and governance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.
2. Students will be able to understand and explain the purpose of Ecumenical Councils as a means to define and clarify the teachings of the Orthodox Church.

### Resources & Materials

- *First, Among Equals*, pages 6-7
- Pens/pencils
- Cell phones or laptops with internet access\*
- Be the Bee #116 “Our Sacred Order” (Hierarchy in the Church)
- Be the Bee #35 Apostolic Pilgrimage
- Be the Bee #78 A Church of Councils
- Be the Bee #101 The Great Council of Crete

*\*Students can work in pairs if not everyone has a device.*

#### Word Bank

Ecumenical Patriarch    Governance  
Council    Pilgrimage

### Lesson Plan

**5 minutes**    **Students enter the classroom**

Welcome & Opening Prayers

**2-3 minutes**    **Teacher will review the objectives of the lesson of the day.**

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**10 minutes**    **Objective 1: Students will be able to identify the Ecumenical Patriarch.**

1. Teachers will utilize *First Among Equals* zine pages. 6-7 to read and discuss.



2. Show [Be the Bee #116 Our Sacred Order \(Hierarchy of the Church\)](#).
3. Teachers can utilize the Archon Sprouts Q & A document to guide discussion with students.
4. Teachers will give students a Double Eagle Flag.

**10 minutes      Objective 2: Students will be able to understand and explain the purpose of Ecumenical Councils as a means to define and clarify the teachings of the Orthodox Church.**

1. Teachers will utilize *First Among Equals* zine pages 8-9 to read and discuss the major historical issues that the Ecumenical Councils deliberated. (As time allows---show at least one)

Show the video: [Be the Bee #35 “Apostolic Pilgrimage” \(The GREAT SCHISM\)](#)

Show the video: [Be the Bee #78 “A Church of Councils”](#)

Show the video: [Be the Bee #101 “The Great Council of Crete”](#)

**5 minutes      Wrap-Up and Review**

Teacher will facilitate a brief discussion on important items learned in class.

**2 minutes      Exit Ticket**

Students will complete their exit ticket identifying 2-3 fun facts learned about the EP.

**Student Challenge**

Encourage students to share what they have learned with their families.

**Links to Videos**

**Be the Bee #116 Our Sacred Order (Hierarchy in the Church)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1Hnqj-6\\_Eg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1Hnqj-6_Eg)

**Be the Bee #35 Apostolic Pilgrimage (Disagreement and Dialogue)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBQ0tNlGcS0>

**Be the Bee #78 A Church of Councils**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYJpdiYByZk>

**Be the Bee #101 The Great Council of Crete**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5L8sgFo8-wA>