

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Sprouts Lesson

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Upper Elementary

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- Summarize what the Phanar is and where it is located.
- Identify the important feast days celebrated at the Phanar.
- Create a calendar of dedicated events at the Phanar.

Resources

- ☐ See rolling calendar at the bottom of this document
- ☐ Blank shell
- ☐ Scissors/glue stick

Word Wall

Phanar Commemorate
Feast Day

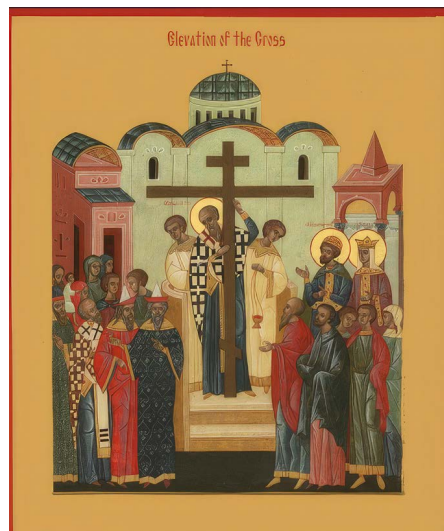
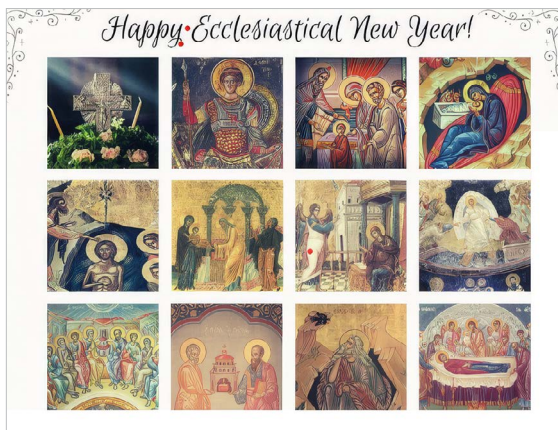
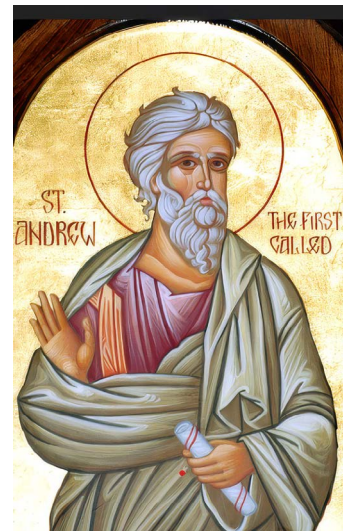
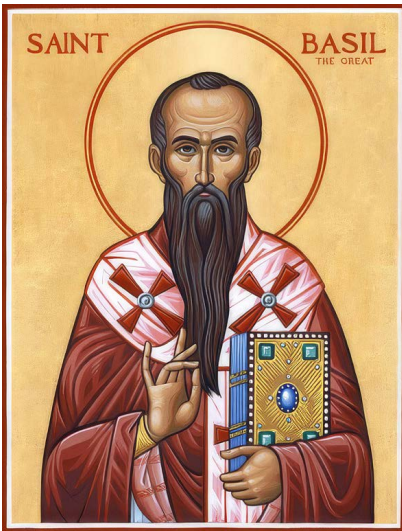
Agenda

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| 2–3 Minutes | Students will participate in group prayer |
| 5–7 Minutes | Teacher will review the Word Wall Vocabulary |
| 5–7 Minutes | Watch video and share discussion questions |
| 15 Minutes | Review calendar and place in calendar order with brief description of each feast day |
| 2–3 Minutes | Wrap up and Exit Ticket |

In addition to these great feasts, the Orthodox Church commemorates numerous saintly lives and miraculous events throughout the year. In addition to the solemn commemoration of Saturdays and the festive celebration of Sundays, the Ecumenical Patriarchate also keeps certain of these holy days as administrative holidays. **Major holidays at the Phanar include:**

Date	Event
January 1	Feast of St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea of Cappadocia
January 6	Feast of the Theophany, the Baptism of the Lord
January 30	Feast of the Three Hierarchs
March 25	Feast of the Annunciation
April 23	Feast of St. George the Trophy Bearer
June 11	Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, Name Day of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I
June 29	Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
August 15	Dormition of the Theotokos
September 1	Opening of the ecclesiastical year.
September 14	Elevation of the Holy Cross
November 21	Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
November 30	Feast day: Commemoration of St. Andrew, the “first-called of the Apostles”
December 25	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Images





Worksheet

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Dates

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Celebrations

Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	Ecclesiastical New Year	Elevation of the Cross	Presentation of Theotokos at the Temple
Feast of Saint Basil	Feast of Saint Bartholemew	Feast of the Annunciation	
Theophany of Christ	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul	Dormition of the Theotokos	
Feast of Saint Andrew	Feast of Three Hierararchs	Feast of Saint George	

Descriptions

1. He was the “first called” Apostle of Christ	6. The Holy Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ	9. Saint and Martyr shows in icons as slaying dragons
2. He is the patron saint of our Ecumenical Patriarch	7. Ioakim and Anna take their daughter to the Holy Temple to dedicate her life to God	10. Founders of the early church
3. The angel Gabriel brought Good News to our Theotokos		11. First day of the New Year in the Orthodox Church
4. Our Most Holy Theotokos fell asleep in the Lord	8. Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John Chrysostom---three early bishops of our Orthodox church	12. The finding of Christ’s cross by Saint Helen
5. He is the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea of Cappadocia		13. The birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Icons and Holy Images

