The Archon Ecumenical Patriarchate

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Sprouts Lesson

Delving Deeper

Pre-Kindergarten - Kindergarten grades

Getting to Know Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, The Green Patriarch: Take Care of God's Creation

Objectives

By the end of this session students will be able to:

- Give examples of God's creation on earth
- Understand how HAH Patriarch Bartholomew encourages us to live in harmony with creation.

Resources

- ☐ Access to a laptop and to WIFI for video viewing
- ☐ Video: The Gospel Project: The Creation
- ☐ Photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation
- ☐ The Green Patriarch coloring sheet

Word Wall

God's creation — Care

The Green Patriarch



Things you will need:

- Pinecones- as large as you can find (one per student)
- Sturdy cotton string
- Scissors
- Suet/shortening
- 2 plates or trays
- Birdseed
- Quart-size plastic zip bags

Directions to make birdfeeder:

1. Wrap the string around the top of the pinecone, tight enough so that it can resist weathering.
2. Put a fair amount of shortening over the pinecone and in-between the crevices.
3. Pour birdseed onto plate or tray.
4. Roll it in some birdseed until it is well covered. Now you have a natural hanging bird feeder!
5. Hang it from a tree or wherever you like (home or church grounds) and watch the birds enjoy your thoughtful gift.
6. **To save time and sticky hands, prepare steps 1 and 2 ahead of class.**

Pacing Guide for Class

2–5 Minutes — **Students arrive to class**

Group prayer
Reintroduce students to our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (show photos)
Review Word Wall Definitions

10–12 Minutes — **Watch the 3.05 minute video**

The Gospel Project: The Creation
Show and discuss the icon of the Creation

Show the photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation & facilitate class discussion:

- Explain that HAH is called "The Green Patriarch" because he encourages us to take care of God's creation on earth.
- Clarify that the color green reminds us of nature.
- Our Ecumenical Patriarch loves and cares about God's creation; it is very important to him and we want to help him.
- Everyone must take care of nature/God's creation
  - ☐ Take action
    - doing something to care for God's creation
    - today we will help the winter birds have food

5–8 Minutes — **Explain that as a class we will help care for the birds that don't have as much to eat in winter. We will also color a coloring sheet: "The Green Patriarch"**

Students will color "The Green Patriarch" coloring sheet while you take a few students at time to make the bird feeder.

15 Minutes — **Students make a pinecone bird feeder to hang at home or around the church.**

Take pictures of students making and hanging bird feeders and upload to archons.org website and your church's webpage

5 Minutes — **Gallery Walk**

- Students walk around to see their classmates' birdfeeders
- Hang birdfeeders around church grounds

2 Minutes — **Exit Ticket:**

Share 2 ways you will help Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew care for God's creation

Teacher Resources

Provision materials to ensure you have all you need ahead of class.

Word Wall Defined

God's Creation	Care	The Green Patriarch
Everything on Earth was created by God.	*To pay attention to something.*	*Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew loves God's creation and wants us to help him care for the earth.*

"The Green Patriarch" Coloring Sheet

Download and print for your students:

The Green Patriarch Coloring Sheet

Video Link for this lesson

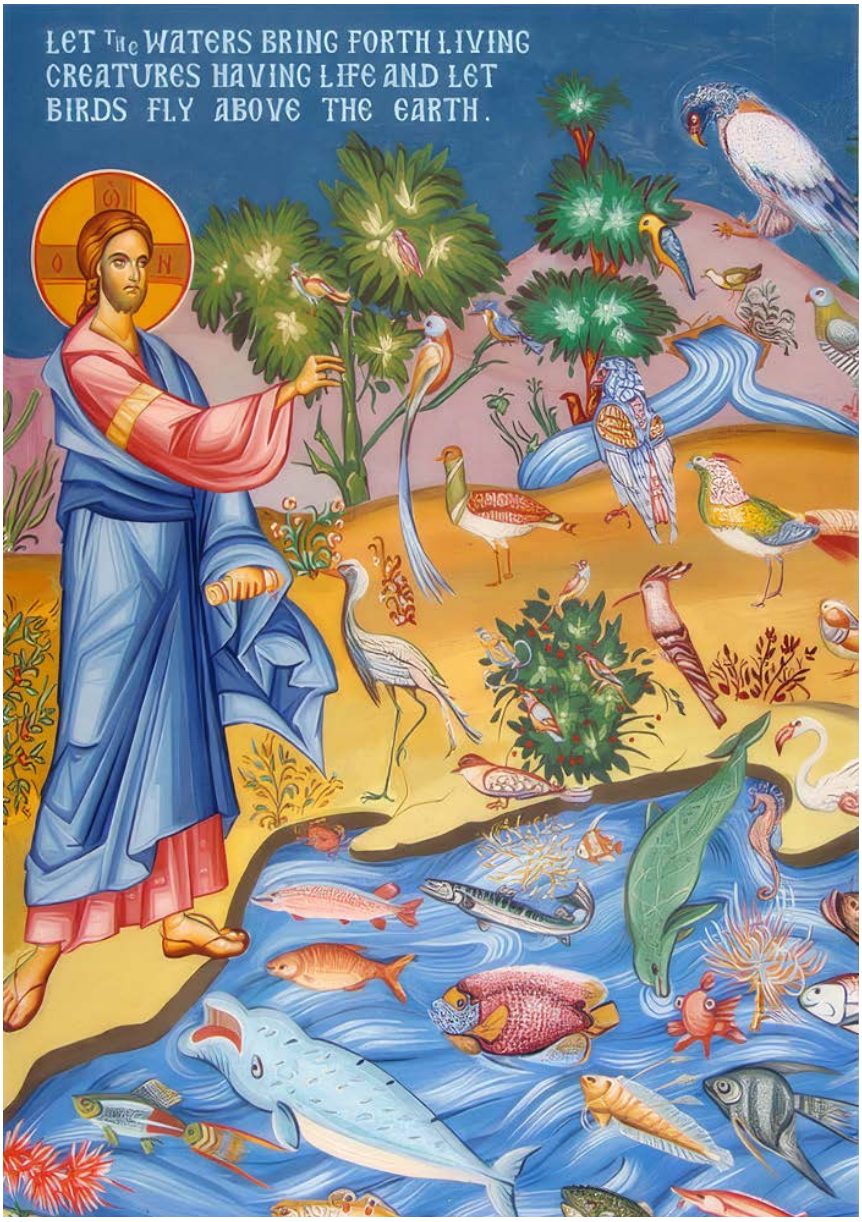
The Gospel Project: The Creation

Video Links for Further Knowledge Building

The Green Patriarch: Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Praxis: Green Christianity Fall 2009

Icons & Photographs

















1st – 2nd Grades

Helping The Green Patriarch, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Take Care of God's Creation

Objectives

By the end of this session students will be able to:

- Give examples of God's creation on earth
- Understand how HAH encourages us to live in harmony with creation.
- Articulate why Ecumenical Bartholomew is called "The Green Patriarch"
- Identify ways to help Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew care for God's creation at home, church and on earth.

Resources & Materials

- ☐ Access to a laptop and to WIFI for video viewing
- ☐ Video: The Gospel Project: The Creation
- ☐ Photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation
- ☐ Crayons, Colored Pencils
- ☐ Graphic Organizer: Helping HAH Take Care of God's Creation

Word Wall

God's creation	Responsibility
Care	The Green Patriarch

Pacing Guide for Class

2–5 Minutes — **Students arrive to class**

Group prayer
Reintroduce students to our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (show photos)
Review Word Wall Definitions

10 Minutes — **Watch the 3.05 minute video**

The Gospel Project: The Creation
Show and discuss the icon of the Creation

Show the photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation

- Explain that HAH is called "The Green Patriarch" because he encourages us to take care of God's creation on earth.
- Clarify that the color green reminds us of nature
- It's our responsibility to care for nature/God's creation
  - ☐ Take action
    - Doing something to care for God's creation
  - ☐ Understand the impact of our choices
    - Not showing care is sinful and doesn't show love for God's creation
    - Caring for God's creation is showing love for God.

5–8 Minutes **Facilitate a class discussion**

- In the Bible, Genesis 1:26 says that God put us in charge of the earth and that we're to take care of it. **Read aloud** Genesis 2:15. Taking care of God's creation is a responsibility, but doing so also means we can live in a clean, safe place.
- Since we love God, we must take care of His creation.
- What good choices can we make to take care of/be responsible for God's creation?
  - At home, school and on Earth

Chart student responses on white board or chart paper

8–10 Minutes **Students complete the Graphic Organizer (drawing or writing)**

Graphic Organizer: Helping HAH Take Care of God's Creation

5 Minutes **Gallery Walk**

Students walk around to see their classmates' drawings

2 Minutes **Exit Ticket:**

Share 2 ways you will help Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew care for God's creation

Teacher Resources

Provision materials to ensure you have all you need ahead of class.

Word Wall Defined

God's Creation	Responsibility	Care	The Green Patriarch
Everything on Earth was created by God.	*Taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.*	*To pay attention to something.*	*Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew loves God's creation and wants us to help him care for the earth.*

Graphic Organizer

Download and print for your students:

Graphic Organizer: Helping HAH Take Care of God's Creation

Video Link for this lesson

The Gospel Project: The Creation

Video Links for Further Knowledge Building

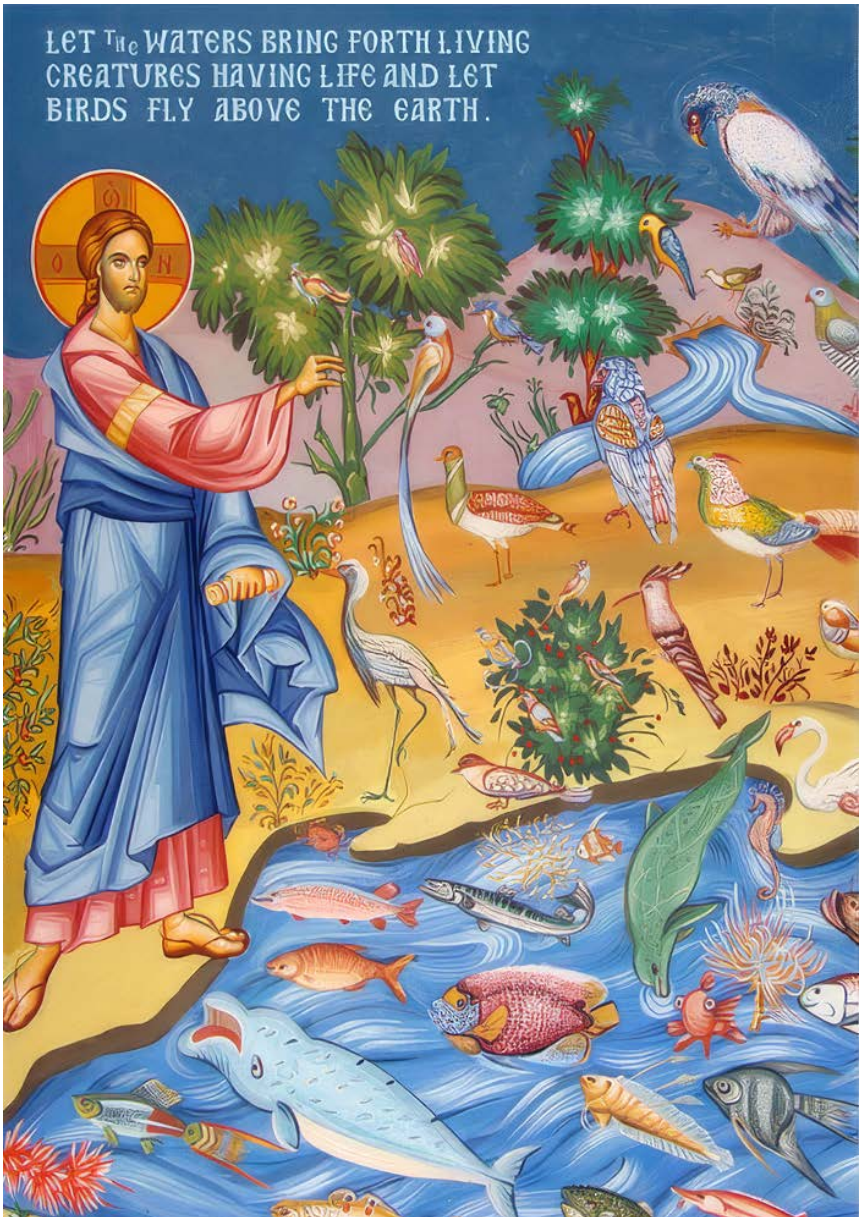
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- "Greening the Parish" provides resource material for fulfilling our vocation as stewards of creation and working towards greening our parishes.

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Icons & Photographs

















3rd – 4th Grades

Stewards of God's Creation: Helping Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, The Green Patriarch Spread the Word

Objectives

By the end of this session students will be able to:

- Define *steward* in terms of Christian care of God's Creation
- Understand how HAH encourages us to live in harmony with creation.
- Articulate why Ecumenical Bartholomew is called "The Green Patriarch"
- Identify ways to help Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew spread the word to care for God's creation at home, church and on earth.

Resources

- ☐ Access to a laptop and to WIFI for video viewing
- ☐ Be the Bee #108 Why Christians Care for the Environment
- ☐ Photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation
- ☐ Project Ideas:

  Download instructions for:

  Write a Poem: We Care for God's Creation

  Make a Cross from Recycled Material

Word Wall

God's creation	Responsibility
Steward	The Green Patriarch

Pacing Guide for Class

2–5 Minutes — **Students arrive to class**

Group prayer
Reintroduce students to our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (show photos)
Review Word Wall Definitions

10–15 Minutes **Watch the 9.22-minute video**

Be the Bee #108 Why Christians Care for the Environment

After viewing:

- Ask students to "turn and talk" to their neighbor:
  - ☐ Explain why we are 'stewards' of God's Creation
  - ☐ Explain why HAH is called "The Green Patriarch"?
- Reiterate: It's our responsibility to be 'stewards' care for nature/God's creation
  - ☐ Take action
    - Doing something to care for God's creation
  - ☐ Understand the impact of our choices
    - Not showing care is sinful and doesn't show love for God's creation
    - Caring for God's creation is showing love for God.

15 Minutes **Complete Class Project:**

- Select one of the project ideas listed below:
  - ☐ Poem
  - ☐ Cross-making from recycled items
  - ☐ Idea Dump: Greening Your Parish: Being Stewards of God's Creation

8–10 Minutes **Students share or class reviews their completed project.**

Take pictures to share with local parish and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew through uploading to www.archons.org

2 Minutes **Exit Ticket:**

Share 2 ways you will be a steward of God's Creation and help Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew spread the word to your family and friends.

Teacher Resources

Provision materials to ensure you have all you need ahead of class.

Word Wall Defined

God's Creation	Responsibility	Steward	The Green Patriarch
Everything on Earth was created by God.	*Taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.*	*A caretaker or care giver. As Christians we are charged with caring for God's Creation.*	*Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew loves God's creation and wants us to help him care for the earth.*

3 Project Ideas

1. **Write a poem as a class or each individual student that highlights how we can help Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew be good stewards of God's Creation.**
   - Download and print instructions for your class:
     - ☐ Write a Poem: We Care for God's Creation
     - ☐ Upload poems to www.archons.org

2. **Use recycled materials to make crosses:**
   - Download and print instructions for your class:
     - ☐ Make a Cross from Recycled Material
   - Take pictures of the crosses, share with your parish family/church website and upload to www.archons.org

3. **Make a list of ways your church can be 'Stewards of God's Creation':**
   - Download and print page for your class:
     - ☐ Brainstorm/Idea Dump Sheet
   - Brainstorm ways that your church can become 'green'!
     - ☐ 'Brain Dump' Ideas could include:
       - Coffee hour waste
       - Office/Sunday school paper waste
       - Recycling bins
   - Share the list with your priest and parish council. Consider adding to church website and/or weekly bulletin.

Video Link for this lesson

Be the Bee #108 Why Christians Care for the Environment

Video Links for Further Knowledge Building

The Green Patriarch: Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

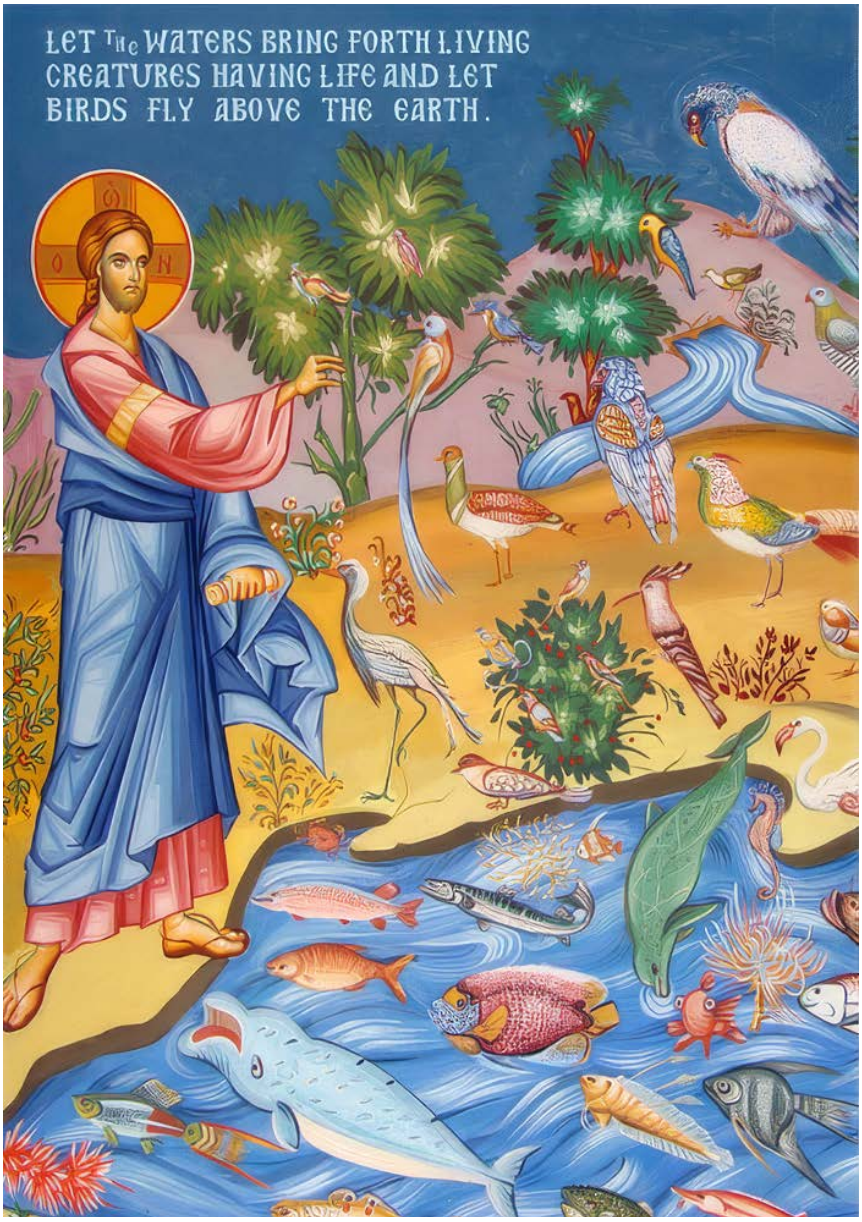
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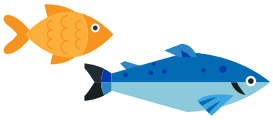




God Cares for Creation

Name: **Date:**

Directions: Draw a line to match each creation with one way that God cares for it.

1	People		Food, clothing, homes
2	Birds		Has its own special animals with fins
3	Fish		Water to swim in and a way to breathe under water
4	Dogs		Can bloom and be colors of the rainbow
5	Flowers		Space to fly
6	Sky		Has its own special animals with wings
7	Oceans		People to take care of them

What is one way that God cares for you?

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

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**

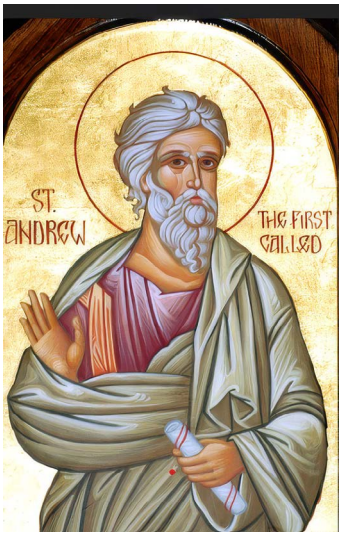
In addition to these great feasts, the Orthodox Church commemorates numerous saintly lives and miraculous events throughout the year. In addition to the solemn commemoration of Saturdays and the festive celebration of Sundays, the Ecumenical Patriarchate also keeps certain of these holy days as administrative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

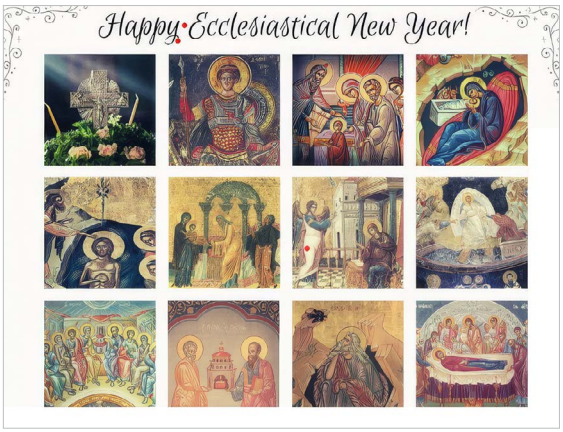
Date	Event
January 1	Feast of St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea of Cappadocia
January 6	Feast of the Theophany, the Baptism of the Lord
January 30	Feast of the Three Hierarchs
March 25	Feast of the Annunciation
April 23	Feast of St. George the Trophy Bearer
June 11	Feast of St. Bartholomew 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


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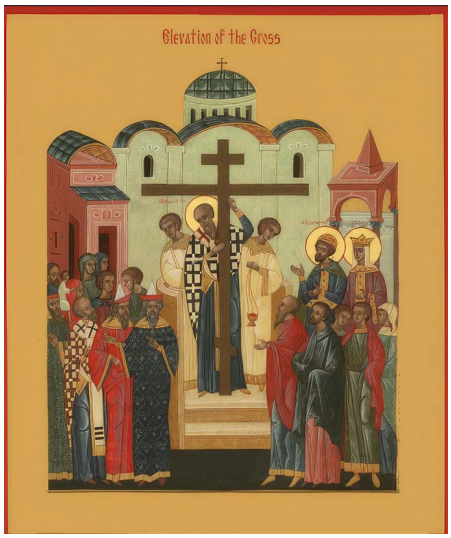

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Happy Ecclesiastical New Year!


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Elevation of the Cross


THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS


ΤΗΣ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ




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Worksheet

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Dates

January 1	January 6	January 30	March 25	April 23
June 11	June 29	August 15	September 1	September 14
November 21	November 30	December 25		

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 Hierarchs	Feast of Saint George	

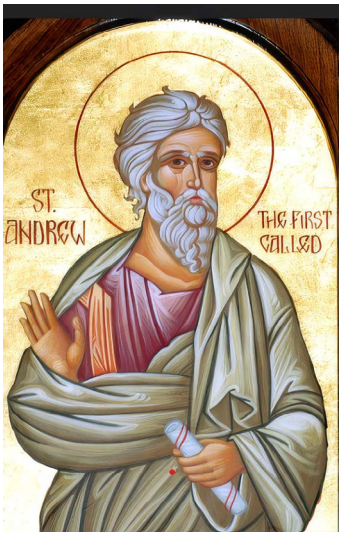
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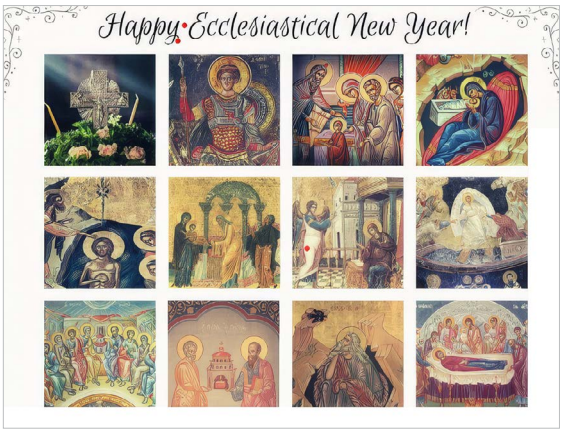
1. He was the "first called" Apostle of Christ	6. The Holy Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ	9. Saint and Martyr shows in icons as slaying dragons
2. He is the patron saint of our Ecumenical Patriarch	7. Ioakim and Anna take their daughter to the Holy Temple to dedicate her life to God	10. Founders of 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





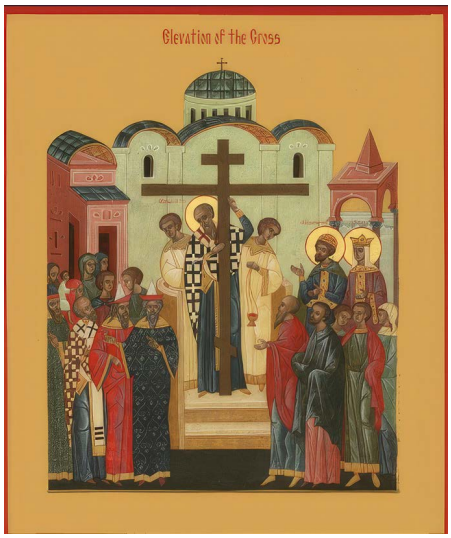















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Middle School

Halki Theological School: A Critical Issue for our Patriarch

Objectives

By the end of this session students will be able to:

- Define seminary
- Summarize timeline of events and fast facts about the Halki Theological School
- Identify ways to support efforts to reopen the Halki Theological School

Resources

- ☐ Access to a laptop and to Wi-Fi for documentary viewing and research
- ☐ Fast Facts Handout, scissors, and glue stick
- ☐ Sentence Strips and Timeline Activity
- ☐ Print out of the graphic organizer

Word Wall

Seminary
Halki Theological School
Constantinople

Pacing Map

2 Minutes — **Students arrive to class**

Group prayer

5 Minutes — **Define Seminary**

Have students read Article taken from Halki Theological School - Patriarchate of Constantinople

Ask students to share **one** fact they learned

4 Minutes — **Watch mini documentary**

MUST SEE VIDEO: The Facts About Halki Seminary in 2 Minutes

5 Minutes — **Debrief the mini documentary**

Guiding Questions

1. What were you surprised to learn in this mini documentary?
2. Did you hear something that struck you as unfair? What was it? How is it unfair in your estimation?

10 Minutes — **Have students work in teams to assemble their critical Halki Theological School Timelines**

5–7 Minutes — **Debrief timelines with students**

2 Minutes — **Exit Ticket:**

Two things you learned about the Halki Theological School

Article taken from Halki Theological School - Patriarchate of Constantinople

The Holy Theological School of Halki

The seminary is located at the top of a hill called the Hill of Hope, on the site of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, founded by Patriarch Photios I, almost a thousand years before the foundation of the theological school. During Ottoman rule the monastery fell into disrepair. The reestablishment and reconstitution of the monastery are associated with the Ecumenical Patriarchs Photius I the Great, Metrophanes III, and Germanos IV. Germanos IV (1872-1845) visited the monastery in 1842 and saw the School's reconstruction and reconstitution which was approved by the Turkish authorities. In 1844, Patriarch Germanos IV converted the monastery into a school of theology, which was inaugurated on 1 October 1844. All the buildings, except for the 17th-century chapel, were destroyed by the 1894 Istanbul earthquake, but were rebuilt by architect Periklis Fotiadis and inaugurated on 6 October 1896.

When established in 1844, the school had seven grades, four high school level and three higher level (theological grades). In 1899, the high school division was dissolved and the school functioned as an academy with five grades. In 1923, on the establishment of the Turkish Republic, the seven-grade system was restored (4 high school + 3 higher level). In 1951, it was changed to 3 high school + 4 higher level.

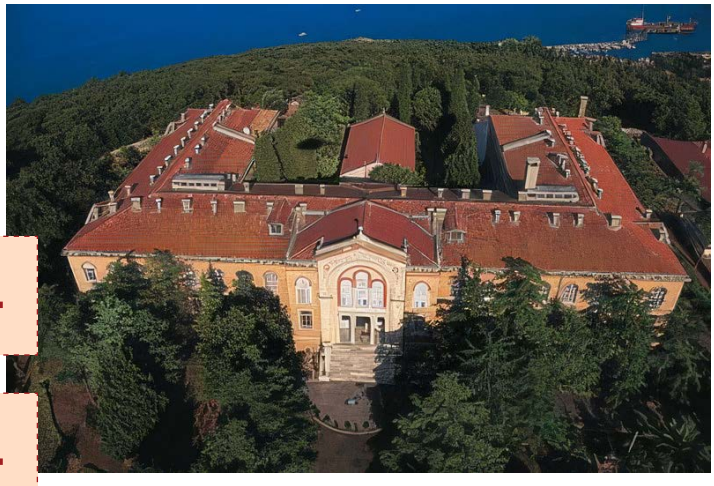
The facilities include the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, sports and recreational institutions, dormitories, an infirmary, a hospice, offices, and the school's library with its historic collection of books, journals, and manuscripts. The library contains over 120,000 books, one of the largest in the region.

There have been 990 graduates of the theological school and many have become priests, bishops, archbishops, scholars, and patriarchs.[4][6] Many former students are buried in the grounds of the school. Orthodox Christians from around the world have attended and graduated from the theological school and the alumni are distributed around the world.

It's been 50 years since the Turkish government closed the Greek Orthodox Theological School of Halki, also known as the Halki Seminary. The school continues to be unable to educate or train clergy in a country with a historical but dwindling Greek Orthodox community. The Halki Seminary's continued closure poses an obstacle to the survival of that community within Turkey.

The international community—including U.S. presidents and other high-ranking officials from the United States and Europe—have joined the Ecumenical Patriarchate in calling upon the Turkish government to reopen the Halki Seminary to no avail. Although Turkish officials have at times appeared inclined to support the reopening of the seminary, none have taken any concrete steps to do so.

Halki Theological School: A Timeline



1884

1924

1939

1943

1955

1971

1974

1999

2009

Match the Year to the Events:

1. Patriarch Germanos IV converted monastery into a school of theology
2. Halki Theological School opens officially
3. Turkey invades Cyprus
4. Halki Theological School begins to receive attention US Congress votes to support reopening of Halki Theological School
5. President Barack Obama affirms his support for Halki Theological School religious freedoms around the world
6. World War II begins
7. Massacre at Kalavryta by Germans forces destroyed Agia Lavra
8. Istanbul destroyed 73 churches
9. Halki Seminary is closed by Turkish authorities

Halki Timeline

(Teacher's Answer Sheet)

Year	Event
1884	Patriarch Germanos IV converted monastery into a school of theology
1924	Seminary opens officially
1939	World War II begins
1943	Massacre at Kalavryta by Germans forces destroyed Agia Lavra
1955	73 churches are destroyed at the directive of Turkish government
1971	Halki Seminary is closed by Turkish authorities
1974	Turkey invades Cyprus
1999	Halki Seminary begins to receive attention US Congress votes to support reopening of Halki Seminary
2009	President Barack Obama affirms his support for Halki Seminary and religious freedoms around the world

Halki Timeline

Students will glue years and events in the graphic organizer below

Year	Event

Teacher Resources

- Provision materials to ensure you have all that you need ahead of time for class
- **Definition of Seminary:** A **seminary**, school of theology, theological college, or divinity school is an educational institution for educating students (sometimes called seminarians) in scripture and theology, generally to prepare them for ordination to serve as clergy, in academics, or mostly in Christian ministry.
- 50 Years and Counting: The Continued Closure of Halki Seminary in Turkey | USCIRF (podcast and interview with Archbishop Elpidophoros.

