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*October 30-November 2
Antiochian Village*

2008 Orthodox Institute For Christian Education

*Sponsored by the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese
Department of Christian Education*

This year's theme: *Faith Through Stories*



We are pleased to present our keynote speaker:

Dr. Maria Khoury

author of the "Christina" series of children's books

Courses for Teachers, Church School Directors, and those wanting to learn more about Orthodoxy. *Cost to take 3 courses is only \$25.00 per day. (Meals and lodging extra.)*

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Registration
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Museum Tour
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Vespers
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Ice-Breakers
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dr. Maria Khoury: <i>Building Children's Faith Through Stories</i>
9:00 PM	Compline

Friday, October 31, 2008

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast
	Registration for New Arrivals
8:45 AM - 9:20 AM	Orthros
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Session I
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Break / Dr. Maria Khoury Book Signing
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Session II
3:10 PM - 5:00 PM	Session III
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Vespers
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Dr. Maria Khoury: <i>Witness in the Holy Land</i>
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Question and Answer Period
9:00 PM	Compline

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Breakfast
	Registration for New Arrivals
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Session IV
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Break / Dr. Maria Khoury Book Signing
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Visit Gravesite of St. Raphael / Akathist
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Session V
3:40 PM - 5:30 PM	Session VI
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner / Presentation of Certificates
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Vespers
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Church School Directors and Teachers: Open Discussion and Sharing
9:00 PM	Compline

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Orthros
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Brunch & Departure



2008 ORTHODOX INSTITUTE COURSE OFFERINGS

CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR TRACK CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The following three courses are required: CSD Seminar: Basic, Curriculum and Resources for the CSD, and Build Your Staff, Build Your Students. If you have previously taken CSD Seminar: Basic and wish to receive credit towards the Church School Director certificate, contact Rosemary Shumski at aodce@aol.com and course credit will be noted.

• **CSD SEMINAR: BASIC** This is an introductory course designed for the first-time church school director as well as those directors who have never before participated in the basic seminar. You will receive a CSD Manual and learn the fundamentals of organizing a church school and planning throughout the year. (Kh. Betty Randolph)

• **CURRICULUM & RESOURCES FOR THE CSD** Participants will be presented with information on Orthodox educational curricula and resources (including those available online) as well as planning and scheduling. Grade level standards will be introduced along with special instruction for their implementation. (Mat. Myra Kovalak and Joseph Tershay)

• **BUILD YOUR STAFF, BUILD YOUR STUDENTS** This course will cover positive techniques for recruiting qualified teachers and staff as well as building and boosting enrollment in church school programs. The format of this class will include open discussions, handouts, and small group activities. (Robert Snyder and Gail Meena)

IMPLEMENTING THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL AND USING A THEME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR Attend this seminar and learn new ways to implement the Antiochian Archdiocese Creative Arts Festival in your parish and increase student participation. Lesson plans will be offered along with ideas on using the theme throughout the year. (Kh. Leslee Abud and Vasiliki Oldziej)

NEW! SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN Each person's faith story begins at conception and continues through various stages of intellectual and spiritual development. Knowing these stages will better prepare teachers to help their students grow spiritually. (Kh. Linda Funk and Kh. Betty Randolph)

NEW! NURTURING FAITH THROUGH STORIES The elements of faith experiences need to be identified in order to write one's "faith story." The participants will articulate their faith stories, focusing on the aspect of conversion and will receive ideas for nurturing the faith of their students through stories. (Carole Buleza)

**TEACHER TRAINING TRACK
TEACHER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**
To receive a certificate in the Teacher Training Track, the participant must take all three specified courses.

Teacher Training I* course requirements are: Overview of Orthodoxy, Introduction to Teaching, and Curriculum and Resources.

• **OVERVIEW OF ORTHODOXY** This course provides a foundation in Orthodox doctrine so the teacher may, in turn, properly instruct the students in the basic tenets of our faith. (Kh. Linda Funk)

• **INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING** Participants will receive instruction in basic teaching techniques and how to write effective lesson plans. Information concerning the developmental stages of children will be provided. (Sandy Mitchell)

• **CURRICULUM AND RESOURCES** Small groups will be formed for those teaching the same grade level. Curriculum and resources will be available for review and practice lesson plans will be constructed. Ideas for crafts and games will be shared. Teachers using *The Way, The Truth, and The Life* and *The Scribe* will receive special instruction. (Mat. Myra Kovalak and Joseph Tershay)

Teacher Training II** course requirements are: *Enriching the Classroom Experience, Utilizing Crafts, and Moral Issues Overview.*

• **ENRICHING THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE** Teachers will be provided with the tools to instruct students in a variety of ways, based on how they learn. The principles of teaching special needs students will also be addressed. (Kh. Myra Kovalak)

• **UTILIZING CRAFTS** Easy arts and crafts ideas will be introduced for use in the church school among various age levels and different degrees of skill. Projects involving icons will be featured. (Catherine Sullivan)

• **MORAL ISSUES OVERVIEW** The Orthodox viewpoint on moral issues will be contrasted with those of our secular society. Major topics of concern to youth will be touched upon throughout the presentation. (Fr. George Alberts)

NEW! HOW TO TELL STORIES IN THE CLASSROOM Learn how to master the basic skills of storytelling. Participants will do hands-on exercises, tell some stories, and discuss how to use storytelling to enhance student understanding of the Bible. (Alan Irvine)

NEW! PARABLES: GEMS OF STORYTELLING Jesus was the master storyteller, but what was it about His stories that made them so memorable? Participants will explore several key parables and discover how to use parables as a way to capture students' attention and help them remember important lessons. (Sandy Mitchell)

ORTHODOXY TRACK SPECIAL CERTIFICATE

The special certificate in *Faith Through Stories* (†) will explore the key stories of our faith and how they are expressed liturgically, along with discerning the value of secular media. Course requirements are: *Sacred Stories of Our Salvation, Discernment for Secular Stories, and Storytelling Through Hymnography.* We are offering these courses twice in order to afford all participants the opportunity to take them if they wish.

NEW! † **SACRED STORIES OF OUR SALVATION** The theology of the Church derived from our sacred stories. The underlying themes of these stories and the reason behind the placement of certain stories during the liturgical year will be discussed. (*Fr. George Alberts*)

NEW! † **DISCERNMENT FOR SECULAR STORIES** Participants will examine both Christian and anti-Christian themes found throughout secular literature and learn ways to teach their students how to effectively scrutinize what they read. (*Robert Snyder*)

NEW! † **STORYTELLING THROUGH HYMNOGRAPHY** Since the beginning of the Church, hymns were used as teaching devices, offering our stories and reflecting upon them. Learn about the poetic elements that are used repeatedly in the hymns. (*Kh. Anna Hughes*)

NEW! † **STORYTELLING THROUGH ICONOGRAPHY** Every icon, even that of a saint, tells a story. Learn the hidden language that will open your eyes to the meaning of icons and explore creative ways to tell the stories they depict. (*Vasiliki Oldziej*)

Share With Us! If you have an idea you'd like to share with others attending the Institute, check our website at www.antiochian.org/christianeducation for more information. Click on 2008 Orthodox Institute, then click on "Share With Us."

COURSE SCHEDULE

Session I (Fri. 9:30 am - 11:30 am) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Orthodoxy	Oct. 31, 2008 Course •CSD Seminar: Basic *Overview of Orthodoxy † Sacred Stories of Our Salvation Storytelling Through Iconography
Session II (Fri. 1:00 pm - 2:50 pm) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Orthodoxy	Oct. 31, 2008 Course •Curriculum and Resources for the CSD *Introduction to Teaching How to Tell Stories in the Classroom † Discernment for Secular Stories
Session III (Fri. 3:10 pm - 5:00 pm) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Orthodoxy	Oct. 31, 2008 Course •Build Your Staff, Build Your Students *Curriculum and Resources Parables: Gems of Storytelling † Storytelling Through Hymnography
Session IV (Sat. 9:30 am - 11:30 am) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Orthodoxy	Nov. 1, 2008 Course Implementing the Creative Arts Festival and Using a Theme Throughout the Year **Enriching the Classroom Experience † Sacred Stories of Our Salvation
Session V (Sat. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Orthodoxy	Nov. 1, 2008 Course Spiritual Development of Children **Utilizing Crafts † Discernment for Secular Stories
Session VI (Sat. 3:40 pm - 5:30 pm) Track Church School Director Teacher Training Orthodoxy	Nov. 1, 2008 Course Storytelling to Nurture Faith **Moral Issues Overview † Storytelling Through Hymnography

Design your schedule to meet your unique needs. Feel free to move in and out of these three tracks. It's your conference - don't miss a thing!

For questions concerning meals, lodging, or directions, contact the Antiochian Village at events@antiochianvillage.org (Email), 724-238-3677 (Phone), or 724-238-2102 (Fax)

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COURSE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THOSE WANTING OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS
IF YOU WILL BE STAYING OVERNIGHT AT THE VILLAGE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

I AM REGISTERING FOR BOTH DAYS OF THE INSTITUTE AND WILL REQUIRE LODGING
 \$50.00 (covers both days of courses; cost of meals will be included with accommodations.)

I AM REGISTERING FOR ONE DAY OF THE INSTITUTE AND WILL REQUIRE LODGING
 \$25.00 (covers one day of courses; cost of meals will be included with accommodations.)
PLEASE CHECK WHICH DAY OF THE INSTITUTE YOU WILL BE TAKING COURSES
 FRIDAY ONLY OR SATURDAY ONLY

ACCOMMODATIONS:

PLEASE CHECK (all rates listed are per person)

3 NIGHT PACKAGE: Thurs. – Sun. (includes D arrival day, B/L/D, B/L/D, & BR departure day)
 \$329 Single \$242 Double \$212 Triple

2 NIGHT PACKAGE: (includes D arrival day, B/L/D second day)

Thurs. & Fri also includes B/L/D Saturday
 \$244 Single \$186 Double \$166 Triple

OR

Fri. & Sat. also includes BR Sunday
 \$219 Single \$161 Double \$141 Triple

1 NIGHT PACKAGE: (includes D arrival day, B/L/D departure day)

Thursday OR Friday
 \$139 Single \$110 Double \$100 Triple

1 NIGHT PACKAGE: Saturday only (includes L & D Saturday, BR Sunday)

\$126 Single \$97 Double \$87 Triple

ROOMMATE REQUEST FOR THOSE IN DOUBLE OR TRIPLE OCCUPANCY ROOMS

Please check with person or persons in advance. (If you do not list a roommate, one will be assigned.)

NAME OR NAMES: _____

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FLIGHT INFORMATION:

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I AM FLYING INTO PITTSBURGH AIRPORT I AM FLYING INTO LATROBE AIRPORT

ARRIVAL DATE _____ FLIGHT TIME _____

DEPARTURE DATE _____ FLIGHT TIME _____

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If you need transportation from Latrobe, please contact events@antiochianvillage.org or call 724-238-3677.

ENCLOSE A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE REGISTRATION FEE YOU HAVE CHECKED ABOVE, PLUS THE TOTAL COST OF THE ACCOMMODATIONS YOU HAVE CHECKED ABOVE, OR INCLUDE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

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_____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT BY **OCTOBER 9** TO:
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C/O ORTHODOX INSTITUTE
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BOLIVAR, PA 15923