



The Diocese of NY & NJ Department of Christian Education announces...

NEW DATE ADDED!

Vacation Church School: Bringing Back Our Youth and Families

This exciting method teaches you how to easily plan a successful Vacation Church School (VCS) that can be used throughout the year, to draw our families closer to parish life. Participants will take home two VCS lesson plans to use in their parishes.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church
Paramus, NJ
10am – 2pm
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Presenter: Kelly Potteiger, Orthodox Vacation Church School Content Creator



Kelly Potteiger received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Penn State University. She and her husband have been Orthodox since 2003. She has 23 years of experience in children's programming within Vacation Bible Schools, Summer Day Camps, Elementary School and Church School Teaching. She has three young children.

Since 2008, Kelly has been a member of Holy Apostles Orthodox Church in Mechanicsburg, PA, where she has taught church school, planned children's retreats and the annual Vacation Church School, started their Orthodox Mom's Group, Women's Group, Women's Book Club, and LOL Youth Group. Kelly also writes VCS plans for the OCA website.

Kelly's experience shows that the key to children's programming is the excitement it brings and the memories it leaves with the youth. She says, "Children form a connection with their Orthodox peers and their church community, thus making lifelong friends and relationships. The youth at our parish look forward to Vacation Church School and ask what the theme will be, months beforehand. The older youth are sad when they outgrow the program and frequently return to help plan and run it. It is truly a parish undertaking of quality programming that not only teaches Orthodox theology, but also instills in the youth a lifetime commitment to a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

This event is generously sponsored by the DDB.
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