

## What to Expect in Sunday School for the 2020-2021 School Year

Due to the current pandemic, Sunday School will look a little different for the time being. We will be following guidelines from the CDC, the VA Health Department, and our Diocese. Please register your children for Sunday School, as soon as possible, using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P8Q7HK6>

1. Teachers and children will be required to wear masks that cover both the nose and mouth, unless they have a health condition that prevents them from wearing a mask safely.
2. Teachers and children must wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer immediately prior to their Sunday School class.
3. Classrooms and frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized with a disinfectant following each Sunday School class. In addition, any group or person utilizing the Sunday School classrooms during the week will be required to sanitize the classroom and frequently touched surfaces (tables, chairs, light switches, door knobs, etc...) at the end of each day.
4. Sunday School will be held outside, as weather permits. When Sunday School is in the church building, the classroom door will remain open for air circulation.
5. Children will have their own sets of supplies (pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, etc...) provided by Sunday School so that they will not be sharing materials.
6. Children and teachers will abide by the social distancing guidelines set by the CDC/VA Health Department, at all times.
7. Please do not send your children to Sunday School if they are ill (this includes: fever, recent vomiting or diarrhea, runny nose, coughing, sneezing, etc...).
8. Sunday School will begin 20 minutes after Divine Liturgy ends. Students and teachers will have 20 minutes following Divine Liturgy to have a quick bite to eat/drink.
9. Families are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch to be eaten outside (as weather permits) or in your cars, until indoor coffee hour resumes. (Given that there is not much time to go out and buy something to eat, a bagged lunch is suggested. Please take care to not leave any trash behind on the church property.)
10. Parents of children who are younger than 18 years old are required to remain on the church property for the duration of Sunday School, in case of child illness or emergency.
11. Sunday School classes will be a minimum of 45 minutes long.
12. Children younger than middle school will need to be signed out of their Sunday School class by a parent. The parent may designate that an older sibling (in middle or high school) or another adult can sign their child(ren) out from class. *Please speak with your child(ren)'s Sunday School teacher so that they know who is permitted to sign out your child(ren).*
13. We currently have enough teachers and students that responded to the Sunday School Survey for one lower elementary class (kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade), one upper elementary

class (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade), and one combined middle and high school class (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) until more families start coming to church. Once more families begin coming to church, we hope to have more teacher volunteers and children to be able to divide up the classes further.

14. We need teachers! If you are able to volunteer your time, we would love to have you!
15. We need hall monitors! If you are able to sit in the hallway outside the Sunday School classrooms to help with monitoring children walking to and from the bathroom, please let us know.

We *greatly* appreciate your support and assistance to make Sunday School safe and successful. We pray that Sunday School will return to “normal” sooner, rather than later. Please feel free to reach out to the current Sunday School Director, Jessica Livera Tennakoon, at [NOLSundaySchool@gmail.com](mailto:NOLSundaySchool@gmail.com) at any time with any questions or concerns.