

## Orthodox Church School Directors and Teachers

are invited to the training event

# Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness



a day of fellowship and learning  
sponsored by the  
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Saturday, August 11, 2012  
Saint John the Baptist Church  
Canonsburg, PA

601 Boone Avenue  
Canonsburg, PA 15317-1410

## Event Information

The presenters will be **Mat. Myra Kovalak**, and **Mat. Valerie Zahirsky**. Participants can choose from two tracks of courses, "Church School Director Seminar," and "Teacher Training I." Those who complete all three courses in a track will receive a certificate of participation.

**Church School Director Seminar Courses:**  
Introduction to Church School Ministry  
Curriculum and Resources for the CSD  
Building Your Staff, Building Your Students

**Teacher Training I Courses:**  
Overview of Orthodoxy  
Introduction to Teaching  
Curriculum and Resources

If a certificate is not desired, participants may choose to attend courses from both tracks.

**Course descriptions are on the back of the brochure.**



### PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

The fee of \$25 covers a substantial notebook of resources as well as lunch and other refreshments. You may pre-register by mail, email, or phone. Please contact Milana Galagaza-Sopko at [mgsopko@comcast.net](mailto:mgsopko@comcast.net), phone 724.228.2432 (h). *The fee is payable to St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Memo: OCEC Teacher Training Workshop.* Pre-register by **August 4.**

### Schedule

8:30 Registration, pastry and coffee	2:00 Break
<b>9:00 Session I</b>	<b>2:15 Session III</b>
11:00 Break	4:15 Break
<b>11:15 Session II, part 1</b>	4:30 Certificates and Closing
12:30 Break for lunch	
<b>1:00 Session II part 2</b>	

*The parish of St. John the Baptist extends a cordial invitation to this event for all involved in Church School Ministry in the greater Pittsburgh area!*

## Registration Form

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY **AUGUST 4**  
Please mail this form to the address in the box below along with a \$25 check made out to St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church  
Memo: OCEC Teacher Training Workshop

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the coursework you will be taking

- Teacher Training I  
 Church School Director Seminar  
 Courses from both tracks

Mail Form and Payment to: Milana Galagaza-Sopko  
72 Green Crescent Drive  
Washington, PA 15301-3063



### "Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness"

The title of the OCEC Teacher Training Program comes from the writings of Saint John Chrysostom, in his epistle to the Ephesians.

The OCEC Department of Teacher Training offers this workshop to improve the quality of education in our church schools by providing Orthodox directors with management skills, and teachers with knowledge of the faith and basic instructional techniques. Both directors and teachers become familiar with the curriculum and resources available. For further information, or to host a training event, contact Myra Kovalak, Chairperson, OCEC Teacher Training Department ([mekovalak@gmail.com](mailto:mekovalak@gmail.com)).

## DIRECTIONS

### General Location

St John's Church is located in Canonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania. The parish is located less than 2 miles from exit 43 (Houston) on Interstate 79. This is approximately 7 miles north of the junction of Interstates 79 and 70 in Washington County.

### From Interstate 79

Take exit 43 Houston. At the stop sign, turn left. A few hundred yards down the road (Rt 519) turn right at the second street. This is Boone Ave. It turns up a hill. Pass Canon-McMillan High School and cross over Interstate 79. The parish is on the left a few hundred feet beyond the entrance to Canonsburg General Hospital.

### From Route 19

Exit to Rt 519 North. Follow signs into Canonsburg (Rt 980). As the street begins to descend the hill into Canonsburg, turn left onto Boone Ave and go up a small hill.

## Teacher Training I Coursework

### Overview of Orthodoxy

The basic tenets of our faith are provided in an interactive course that models a variety of teaching techniques.

### Introduction to Teaching

Effective teaching is a combination of planning and management. Topics include: how to write a measurable objective, five components of a lesson plan with ideas for the presentation of each, and how to manage a positive, productive classroom.



### Curriculum and Resources

An overview of "best resources" will be provided. Websites valuable for Orthodox education will be explored.

## Church School Director Seminar

### Introduction to Church School Ministry

The course introduces the CSD Manual, designed by experienced Directors to facilitate the organization and management of Church Schools. The course is instructive as well as a platform for sharing.



### Curriculum and Resources for the CSD

Participants will receive information on grade-level standards, and review resources that should be in the Church School Library.

Online resources will also be presented.

### Build Your Staff, Build Your Students

This course will cover positive techniques for recruiting qualified teachers and staff as well as boosting enrollment and attendance for church school programs.



Of all the holy works, the education of children is the most holy.

-Saint Theophan the Recluse

*Are you involved in the education of children?  
Open the brochure for a special invitation!*