



HOLY CROSS - ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH (BARRIE)

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Dear parents,

With all the challenges over the last couple of years, our children's spiritual education has always remained a priority. As we enter the New Ecclesiastical Year, and taking into account our limited space and the varying ages of our youth, traditional Sunday School is not a viable option at this point. We will, however, continue as we have been doing for the last couple of years.

Children are asked to arrive to Church no later than 9:30am and sit with their parents. Up to the Gospel reading, they will continue to assist in chanting (along with the congregation) the Divine Liturgy responses. At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the children will be asked to approach the Solea and sit quietly on the carpet. As always, parents are welcomed to accompany their children and join us for Sunday School!

At this point, I will speak to the children (for approximately 10 minutes) on the Gospel reading and answer any questions they may have. When we are done, children will return to their parents and remain with them for the duration of the Divine Liturgy.

This format has proven to be the most effective and appropriate method for our community and ensures that our children's spiritual education is not neglected.

In Christ.

+ Fr. Theodoros