

A religious painting of Christ with a halo and a book. Christ is depicted with long dark hair, a beard, and a halo. He is wearing a dark robe and holding a book. The background is a textured, aged surface.

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF TORONTO

FIRST PRINCIPLES

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ONLINE CERTIFICATION

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Why do I need it?

In our modern age we are increasingly being bombarded with difficult questions about theology, morality, spirituality and sexuality. Our children are also facing such questions in their schools and social circles. It is this reality that forces us, Orthodox Christians who volunteer our time to teach in our Sunday schools, to further educate ourselves, not only on the basics of the Orthodox faith, but also on how Orthodoxy dialogues with the modern world and the problems it presents.

It is for this reason that our Metropolis has developed this online training course for all Sunday school teachers in Canada. Its purpose is to help further our education, help us in the areas we may feel we are lacking, challenge us in contemporary issues we face on a daily basis and, most importantly, provide a solid and uniform theological education for all our religious educators.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The course is designed to offer flexibility for those of us who are already busy with school, careers, families and other obligations. We know that finding time for ones self is already a difficult task. This is why the requirements for this course are minimal. You will only be required to do the following, at your own pace:

1. Sign up for the course on the Metropolis website following this link: [http://](http://www.gometropolis.org/website/sunday-school-teacher-registration/)

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2. You will begin to receive emails with links to short (30-40 min) videos or audio podcasts.
3. All you have to do is listen or watch what is sent and reply to the email with a one paragraph response of what you thought about it.
4. You work at your own pace until you have completed all the necessary units. There are NO ESSAYS and NO EXAMS!

THE CERTIFICATION

At the completion of the program you will receive an official certificate from the Greek Orthodox Metropolis recognizing that you are certified to teach catechism in our Sunday schools across the country. This **CERTIFICATION** will become the new standard for all religious educators in our Metropolis. Because of the the importance of this project, this course has been considered **MANDATORY** for all Sunday School Teachers under the age of 50 years old.

NEED TO KNOW MORE?

Feel free to contact the director of the program, Fr. Theodore Paraskevopoulos, at fr.ted@mac.com with any further questions.

Thank you and God Bless!