Holy Transfiguration Youth Catechism Program

Welcome to Holy Transfiguration's Catechism Program! We welcome all students from PreK to 12th grade to join us as we learn about our faith and grow our relationships with God. The following is some general info about the program.

Time and Place:

> We meet on Sundays, after Communion, in the classrooms below the gymnasium, class time is roughly 11:15 am to 12:10 pm, the exact time is dependent on the pacing of the liturgy. We start our school year in August and finish in May. We do not have classes through the summer. Our calendar is posted on our website.

Age requirements:

- Children must have turned 3 before September 1st and be potty trained to enter the Preschool class.
- Children must have turned 5 (and also be potty trained) before September 1st to enter the Kindergarten/1st grade class.
- Class placement will be determined by their grade in school.

Registration required!

> All participants must be registered, and their families must have completed the membership/stewardship registration form. This is vital so we know who to contact in case of emergency and so we are aware of any special needs of any of our students.

For children in grades PreK, K/1st and 2nd/3rd: Parents must drop off and pick up these students in person or let the teachers know if an older sibling or other designee will escort them. Please be prompt in picking up your child, the teachers must remain in the rooms until all students have been picked up. For older grades, students are allowed to enter and leave on their own.

Snacks and water are available to the students at the beginning of class.

All of our teachers and any of our staff who are in the classroom are background checked and youth protection trained.

Our curriculum, at a high level, focuses on:

- Heart (younger grades, learning about God)
- Head (middle grades, gaining knowledge)
- Hands (high school, learning to use what we've learned to serve God and others).

Our loving and caring staff:

- Preschool — Christina Sarmir, Sarah Pentzakis, Bianca Pascu
- K/1st — Mary Miltiades, Annette Jacobs, Penny Miltiades
- 2nd/3rd — Claudia Smith, Polina (Nina) Huang-Turr, Courtney Gavalas
- 4th/5th — Cedric Dunkerly, Vaios Vlachos
- Middle School (6,7,8) — David Lukens, Mike Kwiatkowski, Alice Istanbul
- High School (9-12) — Leslie Hansard, Jennie Miltiades

If there are any questions, please contact the Youth Catechism Director, Leslie Hansard, at catechism@holytransfiguration.info.