

SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

These may be used for a day school or for once-a-week programs.

Two weeks prior to "Catechetical Sunday"

"Catechetical Sunday" is an annual observance as we resume the instruction of our parish's students in the faith. In two weeks we will have a special blessing of our children (and their teachers) during the Divine Liturgy. (Specify time, if needed.)* We ask that all students and faculty be present for this ceremony that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians.

Week before "Catechetical Sunday"

Next Sunday, an important event will take place in our parish. The importance of religious instruction will be emphasized. Special prayers for the Beginning of the School year will be included during the Divine Liturgy. (Specify time, if needed.)* We will give authority to our catechists and implore God's Wisdom upon them and their students, for whom we will also pray and bless. All instructors and students are asked to be present.

"Catechetical Sunday"

Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life as we begin our new catechetical year. The children and the adults who teach them are here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new School Year, helping all to realize how Christ lives in each one, and the Church as a whole. This sentiment is not merely a group of words, but an incentive for all the faithful to grow in faith. We join in this ceremony today to ask God to grant to his servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves "many happy years!"

Sunday following "Catechetical Sunday"

Last Sunday ___ (#) students and ___ (#) teachers received special blessings as they embarked on a new step in their journey toward Heaven. Keep them in your prayers, encourage the students and their parents in their studies, and ask God's enlightenment upon them and those who accepted the responsibility to teach them the Way of Our Lord through lessons, activities and example.**

Now it's your turn! What are you doing to increase your knowledge of our beautiful faith? There are many resources available at our parish including _____. You can also visit www.Godwithusbooks.org for books, videos, and study guides to help you on your journey of faith!

**Specify time (of Liturgy) if you have more than one Divine Liturgy.*

*** Fill in appropriate numbers in the blanks above. [Remove "#" symbol before printing.]*