ST. PAUL’S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

CATECHISM CLASS WORKSHEET

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“Introducing The Orthodox Church”

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Chapter One

The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church

Assumptions:

1. God is. Vs. No God (Atheist)

Many Gods (Polytheist)

Don’t Know (Agnostic)

1. Divinity and Resurrection Vs. Not Divine and -

of Jesus Christ are true. Died of old age in Rome, or

Didn’t really die on the Cross,

Just fainted, maybe

1. Jesus Christ was the beginning

of a new community which his

followers, the Apostles and disciples,

continued and perpetuated.

1. We can trust this community.
2. This community still exists today.

Questions based on chapter one of the book.

1. What do we mean when we use the word “Church”?

2. Was the Orthodox Church founded by God or by a man?

3. Does it matter if a church’s teaching doesn’t agree with that of the Apostles? Why or why not?

4. Of all the churches today, which one comes closest to the faith and practices of the Apostles?

5. Which Church today uses the original Nicene Creed?

6. In the Creed, what does “One” mean in “I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.”?

7. What does “holy” mean?

8. What does “catholic” mean?

9. What does “apostolic” mean?

10. Which Apostle was instrumental in the founding of the Greek Orthodox Church?

11. What is the “Church Militant”?

12. What is the “Church Triumphant”?

13. Who is the “pillar and ground of the truth”?

14. Whose interpretation of scripture should we trust, the Church’s or some individual’s or our own?

15. What is the highest authority in the Church – a certain, single bishop or the bishops and people together or any individual person?

16. Name the five ancient Patriarchates of the early church.

17. The Eastern Church acknowledges the Pope as the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” among equals.

18. We believe God became man in the person of Jesus Christ, “the living \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

19. The Greek word translated into English as Church is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

20. “A Christian is one who has been called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and belongs to Christ.”

21. What does the Incarnation mean?

22. After Christ’s Ascension into heaven, if he wants to do more work among us on earth, he can return or use something or someone else. Who or what does he use?

23. Did Christ mean that the Church was to be built on Peter the man or on a confession of faith?

24. The Church is more than a building, it is the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

25. How is one grafted into the Body of Christ?

26. What does it mean to be the Church?