



Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting

Guide for Advisors and Parents

Chi Rho Religious Award

for Scouts in Grades 4 through 7

in Webelos, AOL and Scouts BSA, Juniors and Cadettes GSUSA, and
comparable levels of Trail Life USA, American Heritage Girls, and Campfire USA

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About the EOCS



History

In 1955, Archbishop Michael, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Metropolitan Anthony Bashir, of the Antiochoian Orthodox Archdiocese, Bishop Orestes Chormock, of American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Diocese, and Metropolitan Leonty, of the Orthodox Church in America met with Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. The prelates came attired in their robes of office to bestow their blessing of the Boy Scouts and to make known to their constituents that they wanted Scouting to become a part of the youth programs of the local churches. This was one of the first cross-jurisdictional enterprises of the Orthodox Churches in North America. Later they included the Girl Scouts USA. As a result of this historical meeting, the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting [EOCS] was created in 1960 by the Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops in the Americas, whose purpose is to conduct the mission of our Lord and His Church via the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts USA programs on a national level.

In 2009 SCOBA became The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North & Central America. The Assembly understands itself to be the successor of SCOBA, and as such, it has assumed all of its agencies, dialogues, and other ministries.

The bishops of the USA, Canada and Central America were originally together in one Assembly, called the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America; in April 2014 it was announced that, in order to best respond to the cultural diversity and pastoral needs in the region, the Canadian and US bishops would form separate assemblies and the Central American bishops would join the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Latin America.

In 2021 after the re-organization of the Assembly of Bishops. it was announced that the EOCS would no longer be an endorsed agency of the Assembly and that the EOCS would continue its mission without its endorsement.

As of March 15, 2024, The Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting is working in collaboration with Orthodox Youth and Young Adult Ministries (OYM) in accordance with the express wish of the Assembly of Bishops. As a ministry of OYM, EOCS will continue its mission to strengthen youth ministries in Orthodox churches and broaden the scope of Orthodox scouting.

Mission

- Support and conduct the mission of our Lord and His Church via scouting programs on a national level.
- Recognize the individual youth member as our most important member.
- Provide support, programs, and recognition to the scouts and scouters of the Eastern Orthodox faith, whether in units in Eastern Orthodox Churches, or units sponsored by other institutions, via the youth religious recognitions, adult recognitions for volunteer scouters and clergy, retreats, camporees, and associated events and activities.
- Provide support, guidance, programs, and consultation to the Eastern Orthodox Churches that sponsor scouting and are partners in the scouting program.
- Create, expand, enhance and project a presence of Eastern Orthodox scouting in the recognized scouting organizations.
- Complement and supplement programs of the scouting organization, the specific scout unit, and youth activities of Eastern Orthodox Churches in the USA. The EOCS does not direct or replace any of these programs.
- Encourage the use of scouting programs as part of the youth ministry program of the Church and community.
- Develop and extend our Scouting network with our ministry partners.
- Serve as the officially recognized Eastern Orthodox religious committee for the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, Trail Life USA, American Heritage Girls, and Camp Fire USA programs.

DESMOS

- The International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts (DESMOS) was established in June 1997 at the Penteli Monastery in Athens, Greece. Its aim is to contribute to the spiritual development of Orthodox Christian Scouts by helping them sense the importance of Duty to God and understand the essentials of Robert Baden-Powell's original spiritual vision. The vision of DESMOS is to become a basis of mutual understanding for all Scout Associations that include Orthodox Scouts. DESMOS strongly encourages inter-religious dialogue and contact through tolerance, understanding and cooperation. The objectives of DESMOS are to:
 - Develop and promote the spirit of brotherhood and understanding among Scouts of the Orthodox Christian faith.
 - Promote warm relations and co-operation between Scouting and the official Orthodox churches.
 - Develop an educational curriculum that should enhance the spiritual dimension in the personalities of young Orthodox Scouts in accordance with the purposes, principles and method of the Scout Movement.
 - Introduce Scouting in such states and areas where the Orthodox Church is established.
 - Coordinate the activities of DESMOS with non-Scout organizations having the same objectives.
 - Motivate co-operation among DESMOS members.
 - Motivate and promote Scouting to Orthodox boys and girls on a global basis.

The EOCS is a founding member of DESMOS. George Boulukos was a founding member and served as an official liaison between the EOCS & DESMOS for many years.

EOCS Religious Award Programs

With deep gratitude to the original author of program materials, Fr. Joel McEachen

For information about all the awards: <https://www.eocs.org/religious-awards>

Grades 1-4



Grades 4-7



Grades 7-12



Adult Recognition*



*Long-term,
outstanding contributions to
Orthodox scouting

The Chi Rho Award Program: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the goal of earning the Award?

Through working on the Chi Rho, young Scouts can connect more personally with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They will reinforce their knowledge of the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith and see the relationship between God's love for them and their love for God and other people.

Who is eligible?

Any Eastern Orthodox Christian boy or girl in grades 1-4, registered in an EOCS-recognized program (see the cover of this Workbook), may earn this award. They must be communicants of one of the Churches recognized by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA, and participate in Orthodox religious education, if available (see <https://www.assemblyofbishops.org/directories/jurisdictions>). Grade levels for each award, or specific learning or response approaches, can be adapted for scouts with special needs or disabilities. For suggestions, see: <https://youtube.com/@somemyrrh> and <https://illumination-learning.com/main/special-needs/>

Who can help the scout?

The scout should be helped by their clergy, parents, or another qualified adult advisor. Advisors should make sure that scouts write all their short answers in their notebooks. ***The Advisor Packet contains additional information, shown in italics.*** The program can also be conducted in a group setting. Regardless of who helps the scout(s), their priest should meet with them before the final signoff, to discuss what they have learned and what it has meant to them. **Any adults (other than parents) working with scouts must adhere to Child Protection principles and all related requirements of their respective organizations.**

How should the online resources be used?

Links that are included under specific questions are examples of websites that can serve as resources. **Please ensure that all other sources you use are consistent with Orthodox belief and practice.** The advisor should visit these sites first, then help the scouts focus on the most relevant portions. Even with these scouts of late elementary and middle school age, adult guidance and interpretation is essential. If additional resources are needed or if you have suggestions, contact us: <https://www.EOCS.org>.

What are the steps to complete the Award?

1. Complete all parts of the Packet, including any service projects. **The scout should print the Workbook single sided.** It is recommended that the scout write or type and print out answers, and put the workbook and answer pages in a notebook as they complete them, with each response numbered the same as the Packet; for example, Part 1: a.
2. Meet with the priest for a final discussion and signoff of the application for the Award.
3. The priest or parent will send the application to the P.R.A.Y. organization to purchase the Award. See the instructions at the end of the manual). Please allow three weeks for receipt of the Award.
4. The Award is given on the authority of the EOCS, and therefore **must be presented in the church by your priest or hierarch.** For convenience, the short presentation service is included at the end of this Packet. Later, the award may also be presented by the priest or advisor in a scouting awards ceremony such as a Court of Honor. Consult current uniform regulations of the applicable scouting program for proper placement of the medal.

The Chi Rho Award Workbook

To the Scout: Print this workbook single sided. Put the workbook and your answer pages into a notebook, and it will help you remember what you have learned and what it means to you. We will call the person who is helping you work on this award (your priest, your parent, or another adult) your *advisor*. If you have special learning needs, talk with your advisor about different ways of answering the questions. When you work on this award, you are showing your love to our Lord Jesus Christ, and you will feel His love more and more. The closer you feel to God, the stronger your Orthodox Christian Faith will become.

Part 1: Getting Close to God



- a. The story of Adam and Eve in the Old Testament's Book of Genesis tells how the very first people disobeyed God and turned away from him in their minds and hearts. Because of this, they could no longer live in Paradise. Read the story of Adam and Eve in the Bible or a Children's Bible. Then, in your notebook, write one or two sentences OR draw a picture showing what happened. *Genesis 2-3 (NET)* <https://biblehub.com/net/genesis/2.htm>
- b. Throughout many, many centuries, people did not manage to turn back to God and get close to Him. They often did bad things and did not care about each other. God understood that people needed more help, although it would always be their own choice whether or not to get closer to Him.
- 1) What did God do to help us? He sent His S__ to be born into this world. [*Son*]
 - 2) What is the name of His Son? J_ _ _ _ C _ _ _ _ [*Jesus Christ*]
- c. Jesus Christ is both God and a human being like us. He came into the world to help us get close to God again. He opened up the gates of Paradise, so that we can turn back to God and live close to Him forever, when our life on earth is over. His life is filled with special, unusual events. We call the special days in His life, "Feast Days," and we celebrate them every year.



These are five of the major Feast Days. What happened on each of these days? When do we celebrate this Feast? Write the answers in your notebook.

https://orthodoxwiki.org/Great_Feasts

- 1) The Annunciation [*When the Archangel Gabriel told Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God, and she said yes; March 25*]
- 2) The Nativity (Christmas) [*When Jesus was born, December 25*]
- 3) The Epiphany (Theophany) [*When Jesus was baptized, and the Father, Son, and Holy Trinity all appeared together; January 6*]
- 4) Palm Sunday [*Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem; variable date, one week before Pascha*]
- 5) Pascha (Easter) [*The Resurrection of our Lord; variable date in Spring, following Jewish Passover*]

Suggestions for advisor to review with the Scout:

Mary was a very good young woman, very pure in body and spirit, and very faithful to God. She lived in a town called Nazareth. One day, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and said that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, she would become the Mother of God. She replied, "Let it be done according to His will." She wanted what God wanted. This is the exact opposite of Adam and Eve, who wanted something different and disobeyed God! So, God's decision to send His Son to be born on earth, and Mary's love and obedience to God, were the important steps that began bringing us closer to God. The day that this announcement from Gabriel took place is called the Annunciation.

Jesus was born as a little baby. That day is called the Nativity or Christmas. He lived on earth like us, as a human being. But he is God at the same time. Jesus was raised in the Jewish faith and lived a special life.

Once He grew up, He went to the Jordan River to be baptized, and people heard the voice of God the Father voice saying that Jesus was His Son. They saw the Holy Spirit in the form of a bright shining white dove. That day is called the Epiphany.

He taught people about God, and He showed people how to help each other and be good. He also did miracles that showed people the power of God. Many people followed Jesus. He became more and more popular, and crowds of people often surrounded Him. But many of them thought He would become their king, who would free them from the Romans who were controlling their country. They did not understand that He was not an earthly king, but a heavenly King who was offering a way to Paradise and eternal life. When He entered Jerusalem for the last time, the crowds treated him like a king, waving palms and shouting. We call that day, Palm Sunday.

The Jewish and Roman leaders of the people were afraid that He had become too powerful and finally arrested Him, beat Him, mocked Him, and killed Him on the Cross. We call that sad event the Crucifixion, and we call that day every year, Holy Friday.

But Jesus, who is the Son of God, was more powerful than Death, and He won out over death. He rose up from the dead! We call that the Resurrection. He gave life forever in Paradise to all people who love Him and try to do what God wants: to be kind and help other people, and to love God. That very great holiday, the greatest Feast of all, is Pascha, also called Easter.

d. Jesus often told stories as a way of teaching people. These stories are called **parables**.

1) Read or watch a video of the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSfm2xdKau4>

2) Tell the story to your family, advisor, or priest. Tell them what Jesus was trying to teach.

3) Write a sentence about what He was teaching.

Luke 10: 25-37 in a simple English translation (e.g., <https://biblehub.com/gnt/luke/10.htm>) or a Children's Bible, or watch video: see link above.



- e. Jesus performed **miracles**, actions that people thought were impossible, to help people and show the power of God.



- 1) Read or watch a video showing some of Jesus' miracles. <https://youtu.be/Xz7lOuXuStU> (from minute 06:00 to 24:50)
- 2) Tell one of the miracles to your family, advisor, or priest. Write down a few words to tell which miracle you chose.
- 3) Talk with them about what seemed impossible, that Jesus made happen.

Read the miracles in a Bible or Children's Bible, or watch

Video: see link above (from minute 06:00 to 24:50)

(Optional) New Testament miracles and their Bible references are listed here:
<https://bibilium.com/miracles-of-jesus-37-chronological-order/>



- f. Jesus also taught us how to pray. The prayer Jesus gave us is called the **Lord's Prayer**.
- 1) Learn to say the Lord's Prayer by heart. Say it to your parents, advisor, or priest. Put a copy of the prayer in your notebook.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto the ages of ages.
Amen.

Note: Different groups within the Orthodox Church may differ slightly in the English translation used. Please adapt as needed.

You may wish to help scouts understand the Lord's Prayer by reading it with them in everyday language (below).

*Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honored.
May your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today what we need for today. Forgive us the wrongs we have done,
as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.
Do not bring us to a hard test of our strength of will, but keep us safe from the Evil One.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.*

- 2) Underline a part of the Lord's Prayer where we:
 - Show that we feel like His children [*Example of a correct answer: Our Father*]
 - Give glory to God [*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory*]
 - Show that we want what He wants [*Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*]
 - Ask for what we need [*Give us this day our daily bread*]
- 3) Say the Lord's Prayer once every day, perhaps at a meal or at bedtime.



(Optional) Find a video or a song, using the words of the Lord's Prayer, that you like. For example, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcg3ey7FdJI>. Say it and pray with the singer.

Some scouts may learn better by hearing the Lord's Prayer while seeing visual images; for an example, see the link above. There are also children's videos with songs, but these often change or repeat words of the prayer, so they may not be the best way to learn it by heart.

You have finished Part 1!

Part 2: Becoming an Orthodox Christian

- a. You became an Orthodox Christian when you were baptized. What is your baptismal name? [*Note: Some people's names in English are different from their baptismal names. If necessary, ask the scout to check with their parents.*]



- b. Which Saint are you named after? [*Note: Sometimes there are many Saints with the same name. Again, the scout's parents will most likely know.*]

Put a picture or drawing of your Saint's icon in your notebook.

<https://www.monasteryicons.com/> or <https://blessedcelebration.com/collections/icons> or Google "Orthodox icon of Saint [Name]"



- c. Read about your Saint's life and write a sentence or two in your notebook about why they are special and what day your Saint's Feast Day is celebrated. This is called your Name Day.

<https://oca.org/saints/lives> or <https://www.goarch.org/chapel/search>

- d. What are some ways that people celebrate Name Days? Which ways do you like best? Talk with your family about celebrating Name Days.

<https://www.orthodoxmotherhood.com/celebrating-name-days/>



- e. Describe what happens in the church when a child is baptized. What does the priest do? What does the Godparent (or Godparents) do? Why do we get baptized? Watch this video explaining Baptism. It is Greek Orthodox. Other Orthodox services are similar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3fbMDU0fec> from minute from 07:30 to 27:00.



More information: <https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-sacraments/baptism>

- f. Together with the Baptism, your Chrismation was celebrated. What does the priest do when he chrismates a person? Why do Orthodox Christians get chrismated? Watch the video of Chrismation from minute 27:00 to 37:30. <https://youtu.be/W3fbMDU0fec?t=1617>



More information:

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-sacraments/chrimation>

https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/frederica/a_guide_to_baptism_and_chrimation



- g. About your Godparent(s):
- 1) What is (are) your Godparent's or Godparents' name(s)?
 - 2) Put a picture in your notebook of you at your Baptism with your Godparent(s).
 - 3) If possible, attend the Divine Liturgy at church on a Sunday with your Godparent(s). Write the date and put a picture of you with your Godparent(s) in your notebook.
- h. Orthodox Christians believe in **one** God. We know Him as **three** Divine Persons, but they are all together as **one** God. This is hard to understand, but it is a little like the way you are one human person, and you are a student, a scout, and a son or daughter, all at the same time. What do we call these three Divine Persons, who are one God? The H__ T_____: The H__ T_____: The F_____, the S __, and the H __ S_____.



[The Holy Trinity: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit]

Additional information: <https://tinyurl.com/yckp78hp>

- i. Review how to make the sign of the Cross. What does each part mean? When should you make your Cross? <https://www.saintjohnchurch.org/how-to-make-the-sign-of-the-cross/#h-how-to-make-the-sign>



Show a short video or demonstrate. Make sure the scout knows the correct hand position, right arm, and motions.

Help the scout think of occasions when they should make the Cross, such as prayer, or when they say or hear "in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit," or coming up to receive Communion, etc. Suggest times when they could make their Cross in everyday life. This video gives helpful information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3NMO4xrwlQ>



You have finished Part 2!

Part 3: Knowing More about Your Orthodox Church

a. Our Church is more than a building. It is made up of all the people who are baptized Orthodox Christian. The church building is also where we go to worship God together.

- 1) What is the name of your church?
- 2) When you enter your church building, what do you do? [*Light candle, kiss/venerate icons, make the Sign of the Cross*]
- 3) Together with your priest, advisor, or parent, go into your church when there is no service and find these items. Take a picture of them, then put the pictures in your notebook.
 - The icon of your church [*Give special attention to explaining the meaning of this icon*]
 - The icon screen or iconostasis
 - The Royal Doors
 - The icon of Christ the Pantocrator (the Ruler of All), if present.
 - The chanter's stand or area
 - The choir loft or area
 - The Bishop's throne
 - The Pulpit, if present
- 4) What is the area behind the Royal Doors called? [*The Altar*] What is one of the most important things that happens there? [*Holy Communion is prepared.*]
- 5) What is the Hymn of your church? Listen to it, sing along, and get familiar with it.
Advisor: The priest, chanter, or choir director or members can help you and your scout. Let the scout read the hymn with you in English or the language of your Church, as long as they understand it.

b. Name the writers of the four Gospels. [*Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.*] Find the icons of the four Gospel writers in your church. [*Locations differ in churches, but you may find them in the dome and/or on the iconostasis.*] Put a picture in your notebook of a Gospel Book like the one the priest uses in your church.



<https://byzantinechurchsupplies.com/product/gospel-book-in-metal-cover-2/>

c. Your Church has leaders at several different levels. Your priest(s) and your Bishop or Metropolitan/Archbishop are the leaders you probably see or hear about most often. (Your church may also have deacons helping the priest.) Write their names in your notebook.

Explain: Different Orthodox groups may name the levels of leaders differently, but they all help guide their Orthodox groups in America.

Explain the roles of the various levels of clergy to the scout.

- *The Deacon(s) of your local church (if applicable): He helps your priest, especially during religious services like the Divine Liturgy*
- *Your Parish Priest(s) – He takes care of the people of your local church and performs the religious services*
- *Your Bishop or Metropolitan/Archbishop – He takes care of Orthodox Christians in your part of the country*

d. Our Church gives us the chance to have special, sacred (holy) experiences that God uses to bring us closer to Himself. These experiences are called Sacraments. Another word we use is Mysteries, because they are beyond human understanding.

- 1) Two of the Sacraments you already learned about for this Award are: B _____ and C _____. *[Baptism, Chrismation]*
- 2) Another important Sacrament you may participate in every Sunday is H ____ C _____. *[Holy Communion]* We also call Holy Communion the Holy Eucharist. What does the word “Eucharist” mean? TH _____ *[Thanksgiving]*
- 3) Learn about Holy Communion and discuss it with your advisor. What happens during Communion? *[The priest gives us the Holy Gifts from God, the bread and wine that become the Body and Blood of Christ, so we can receive His love and divine grace. We also remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross and His holy Resurrection.]*
- 4) When was the first time Holy Communion was celebrated? *[The Mystical Supper, when Jesus offered bread and wine to His Disciples, telling them it was His Body and Blood.]* Put the icon of the Mystical Supper (sometimes called the Last Supper) in your notebook.

What does it mean when we say that the bread and wine become the “Body and Blood” of Jesus Christ? [The Holy Spirit fills them with the spiritual energy of God so that we can be united with Jesus and His life-giving power, and with the all the people of the Church. This is one of the ways that Jesus helps us become close to God and experience Heaven on earth, as well as being able to enter Paradise when our life on earth has ended.]

- 5) How should we prepare ourselves to receive Holy Communion? *[We prepare our bodies by not eating or drinking for several hours before Communion (or doing so lightly if your parents and doctor recommend it). We prepare our spirits by praying and letting go of anger or negative feelings. Many Orthodox traditions have additional preparation, such as stricter fasting, following a prayer rule, and frequent Confession. Please adapt as needed.]*



6) Very helpful resource: <https://illumination-learning.com/main/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SS-Divine-Liturgy-Lesson-W17.pdf>

- e. Our church building is a House of God because we come together to worship Him and celebrate the Sacraments there. Do a service activity to help your church or take part in a church service project.
- 1) Take a photo or draw a picture of what you did to help.
 - 2) How do you think God feels about what you did?

Examples of ways to help your church: take away leftover papers and arrange the books in the pews after the Liturgy; plant flowers in front of the church; make get-well cards for shut-in parishioners; clear off tables at a church festival.

You have finished Part 3!

Part 4: Loving, Serving, and Doing Your Duty to God

- a. God loves us, and we love God. Scouting programs have words in their promises or oaths that talk about loving God, serving God, and doing your duty to God.
- 1) In your notebook, write three things you do to show your love to God, serve Him, and do your duty to Him in your everyday life.
 - 2) Do something good that helps another person, which is what scouts consider a “good deed.” Write a sentence in your notebook describing who you helped and how you helped them.
 - 3) Tell your parents, advisor, or priest who you helped and how you feel about it. How do you think God feels about what you did?

Examples: help an older person at church, who might have trouble walking, to get their refreshments during coffee hour. Help your parents by doing something extra like dusting the living room or picking up fallen branches on the lawn. Welcome a new student at school, offering to help them get to know other children. Make friends with someone in your class who doesn't have many friends.

- b. Learn an Orthodox prayer to say before meals and say it with your family every day. Write the prayer in your notebook. Example: O Christ our God, bless the food and drink of your servants, for you are Holy always; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
- c. Learn an Orthodox prayer to say before bedtime every night. Write it in your notebook.

Example: The Father is my hope, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my shelter. Holy Trinity, glory to You. Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me. Amen.

Sources of Orthodox prayers:



<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=Orthodox%20Prayers>

<https://www.goarch.org/chapel/prayers>

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/prayers>

- d. Your Scouting Religious Award is named Chi (pronounced either “Hee” or “Ky”) Rho. What does Chi Rho mean? *[First two letters of Christ’s name in Greek – ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ.]* How was it used by early Christians? *[It was used as a secret sign, or a symbol, to let other Christians know that you were also Christian.]*

Find the two Greek letters **X** (the H or K sound) and **P** (the R sound) as they are written on the bar of the Chi Rho Award and circle it on the big picture below.



**Congratulations! You have finished Part 4
and the whole Chi Rho Award Packet!**

**The next award is Alpha Omega.
You can earn it in Grades 7 – 12.**

Completion and Presentation Instructions

*(We recommend that scouts use the form in their Workbooks.
This form is for your information.)*

1. Final Review

2. Final Review

When all four parts are completed, the Scout should arrange to meet with the priest. This can be a group meeting of a number of Scouts who have completed the same award. The priest should have a chance to look at the Scout's notebook prior to or during the meeting, to admire the work and use it as a basis for discussion. The meeting, however, is not a test, but a chance to make a personal connection and help the Scout feel that their work was valued highly. As appropriate, parents and/or advisor may also attend the meeting (in the background).

Signatures upon Completion:

Scout: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Priest / Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Please include this page as the final sheet in the notebook.

3. Ordering the Medal

When the scout has completed the review with the priest, the parent or church can order the medal from: Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.)



Contact P.R.A.Y. at 314-845-3318, info@praypub.org, or

Order online at: <https://store.praypub.org/eastern-orthodox>

Please order *at least three weeks* prior to the presentation date. The award should be presented in the church by an appropriate church authority using the short service below. **Presentation of the medal is made only on the authority of the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting through the local parish priest.** After the church presentation, a scout may optionally have the award presented by the priest or advisor at a scouting awards ceremony.

Orthodox Prayer Service for the Presentation of Scouting Religious Awards

PRIEST: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

ALL: Chant the Apolytikion of Saint George (Saint George Award); The Exaltation of the Cross (Chi Rho); Pentecost (Alpha Omega)

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Again, we pray for all devout and Orthodox Christians.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Again, we pray for our Archbishop (N.), and all our brotherhood in Christ.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Again, we pray for our country, the President, our armed forces, and all who are in civic authority.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Again, we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, safekeeping, protection, pardon and remission of sins of the servant (handmaiden) of God _____ as he (she) completes his (her) study and is awarded the (St. George, Chi Rho, Alpha Omega) Award medal.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For You are a merciful and loving God, and to You we offer glory: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: Christ our God, we seek your blessing this day upon your servant (handmaiden) _____. who has completed the requirements of the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting and is found worthy to wear the _____ Medal. Becoming more aware of God's presence in his (her) daily life, especially through things done both in the Church and in the home, he (she) will wear an emblem that gives glory to the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Furthermore, it bears witness that _____, a distinguished member of the _____ (name of scouting organization), is a faithful Orthodox Christian steward. In presenting this award, we offer our prayers for _____, through the intercessions of the Mother of God, (your church's Saint) _____, and Saint(s) _____ who is/are commemorated today. For to You we give all glory, honor and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: (Pins/Presents the medal) He/She is worthy!

PEOPLE: He/She is worthy!

PRIEST: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos and the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.

PEOPLE: Amen.

**Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting
Patch, Scholarship, and Membership Donation Form**



A) Official EOCS Patches: \$15 each

B) Contributions to EOCS Scholarship Fund:

The EOCS offers scholarships to 12th-grade scouts who have earned their Eagle, Gold, or comparable highest award in their program, and have also earned **the EOCS Alpha Omega Religious Award**. Scholarship applications are available at www.EOCS.org. Contributions of any amount are welcomed (see form below), to help the EOCS award more scholarships to these outstanding young people.

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Covers all scouting units in your parish.

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