

## **Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting**

# Saint George Religious Award

## for Scouts in Grades 1 through 4

in Cub Scouts/Webelos (Scouting America), Daisies/Brownies/Juniors (GSUSA), and comparable levels of Trail Life USA, American Heritage Girls, and Campfire USA

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## The St. George Award Packet

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. Jesus Loves Us and Helps Us

- a. Who is Jesus Christ? What does he want us to do? Write a sentence to answer each question in your notebook and put in an icon of Jesus Christ as a grownup (or draw an icon). You can cut out icons from the Icon Resource Page.
- b. Below are four important times in Jesus' life. Write the names of these four events, tell what each one is about in a few words, and put an icon of each one in your notebook.
  - The Nativity (Christmas): The Epiphany: The Crucifixion, on Holy Friday: The Resurrection, on Pascha (Easter):
- c. What is the prayer Jesus taught us? It is called the **Lord's Prayer**. Learn to say the Lord's Prayer by heart. Say it with your advisor. Put a copy of the prayer in your notebook. Also say it every night with your parent or person who takes care of you.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

d. Tell the story of Christmas, the Nativity of Christ, to your advisor. You have an icon of the Nativity in your notebook already. Now put an icon of the Mother of God holding Jesus in your notebook.

- e. Then answer these questions with a few words in your notebook.
  - What is the main reason we celebrate Christmas?
  - What is the name of Jesus' mother?
  - What kind of a place was He born in?
  - What special things happened when he was born?
  - What was the name of the town where He was born?
- f. Tell your advisor about one of the amazing things Jesus did: the Miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes. Put the icon in your notebook. Write one or two sentences in your notebook OR draw your own picture that shows what He did.

#### You have finished Part 1!

### Part 2: You Are an Orthodox Christian

- a. How did you become an Orthodox Christian? Write the answer in your notebook.
- b. How is a person baptized in our Church? Write a sentence or two OR draw a picture of a baby being baptized. If your family has a picture of your Baptism, put a copy in your notebook.
- c. What is the name you were given at Baptism? Write that name in your notebook.
- d. That Baptismal name is also the name of a Saint. When is your Saint's Feast Day celebrated? Write the date in your notebook. You and your family can celebrate that day, too!
- e. Put an icon of your Saint in your notebook.
- f. Learn how to make the Sign of the Cross. In your notebook, write some of the times when you make the Sign of the Cross.

#### You have finished Part 2!

## Part 3: Your Church

Your Church is the place you go with your family to worship God. Your Church is also all the people there and everyone who is an Orthodox Christian.

- a. What is the name of your priest(s)? Write the name of your priest(s) in your notebook.
- b. What is the name of the church you attend? Write it in your notebook.
- c. What is the icon of your church? Put the icon (photo/download picture) in your notebook.
- d. Put a photo of the outside and the inside of your church building in your notebook.
- e. We sing or chant our worship services. Learn to sing our answer to the priest: "Lord have mercy" and the Paschal Hymn, "Christ is Risen," in English. (If you use another language in church, you may also want to learn these in that language.) Write the words to "Christ is Risen" in English in your notebook.
- f. When we are in church, we use all our five senses. What do you see? hear? taste? smell? touch?

Write your answers in your notebook.

g. Do an activity to help your church. In your notebook, write a sentence or two about what it was OR draw a picture of what you did. Ask someone to take a photo of you doing the project and add that to your notebook.

Examples: help clean up the tables at a church luncheon, take away leftover papers and arrange the books in the pews after the Liturgy, plant flowers outside the church, help set up chairs or decorate tables for a church event, clean wax from candlesticks, etc.

You have finished Part 3!

### Part 4: Scouts Love and Serve God

Jesus wants us to love God and be kind and help other people.

- a. What are some ways you can show your love to God? Write them in your notebook. Choose one of them and do it regularly. Which one are you doing?
- b. What can you do that shows kindness and helps other people? Write a few of these ideas in your notebook. Choose one of them and do it often. Which one are you doing?
- c. How do you think God feels when he sees you doing these good things? Write a few words in your notebook.
- d. Your Orthodox Scouting award is named for St. George. Learn about St. George and his life. Write the answers to these questions in your notebook by filling in the blanks.
  - St. George was a brave military o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

He killed an evil spirit in the form of a d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

He loved God very much and was not afraid to say he was a Chr \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

The bad emperor tried to make him worship statues of i \_ \_ \_ , but George would not do it.

Then the emperor tried to kill him many times, but George p\_\_\_\_ to God and each time God made him well.

Many people became Chr \_ \_ \_ \_ when they saw how powerful G\_ is.

God told George he would be a m\_\_\_\_, and George was not afraid.

God told George it was time to join him in H\_\_\_\_. George finally died for his belief in God, and then he became a great S \_\_\_\_.

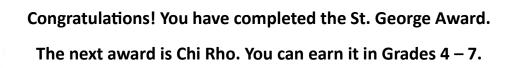
God has let St. George help many people through the ages, and he still helps us when we  $p_{-}$  to him.

e. Color the icon of St. George on the next page. Put the icon in your notebook.

St. George and the Dragon



SAINT GEORGE



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## **Completion and Presentation Instructions**

#### 1. Final Review

When all four parts are complete, the Scout should meet with the priest. This can be a group meeting for several scouts who have completed the same award. The priest should have a chance to look at each Scout's notebook prior to or during the meeting, to review 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(s) know that their work is highly valued. 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.

#### 2. 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.)



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.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>-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.

- C) Membership Donations: The EOCS organizes outreach and religious growth programs in its mission of promoting Orthodox Christian Scouting. Membership includes receiving all communications about EOCS events and activities, and the opportunity to attend National Board Zoom meetings. Memberships are at two levels:
  - 1) Community Level: \$100 Covers all scouting units in your parish.
  - 2) Individual Level: \$25
  - For Adult Leaders or Individuals wishing to support the EOCS.

Parish Name and Designated Contact Person for Community Membership:

Individual Member Name\*:

\*For additional Individual Memberships, please add a separate sheet of paper

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

Scouting Program (e.g., Scouting America, GSUSA) & Unit Number:

DONATIONS:	Patches: #@ \$15	\$
	Scholarship Contribution: Memberships	\$
	Group:	\$
	Indiv.: #@ \$25	\$
Total:		\$

Total:

Mail to: Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting 149-57 Powells Cove Blvd Whitestone NY 11357 or complete online at: www.EOCS.org/donate