

# Christ the Savior

WEEKLY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Last Week We Learned

10/3/2021

This week students learned about the Annunciation of the Lord as well as the birth of John the Baptist.

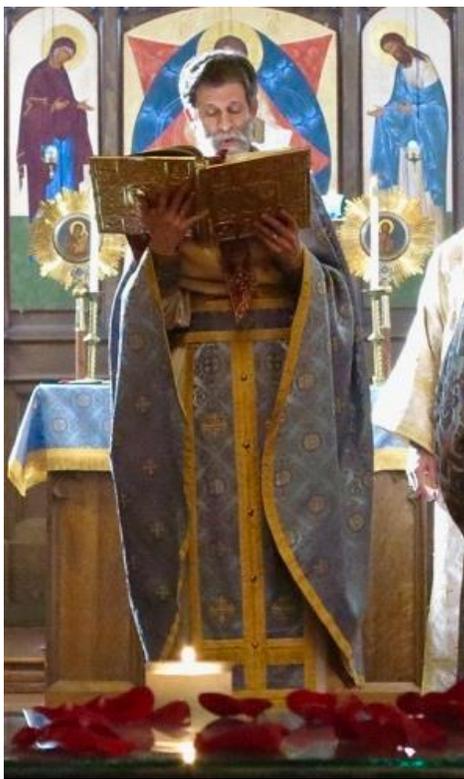
Annunciation is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church which celebrates the Archangel Gabriel appearing to the virgin Mary and announcing to her that she would bear a son and his name would be Jesus.

Students also learned about the birth of John the Baptist. John the Baptist was born six months before Jesus unto Mary's sister Elizabeth. The birth of John was also foretold unto Zacharias by the Archangel Gabriel. Zacharias told Gabriel that he and his wife were too old to have a child. Gabriel then silenced Zacharias and he was unable to speak until the birth of John.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- October 17<sup>th</sup> Youth Group.....Mentor: Jennifer Haynes
- Book Club.....Mentor: Melissa Payne
- Teen Support Group.....Mentor: Mike Sauer
- Acolyte Ministry.....Mentor: Fr. Steven
- Artist Outreach Group.....Student Leader: Fausta Fenner
- Orthodoxy in Today's Economic and Ecological Crisis.....Student Leader: Umbrielle Crawford



# A Word From Father Steven

In and through our Church School classes, students - both children and young adults - are able to gain greater insight, as they grow and age, into the Mystery of the will of God for our salvation and for "the life of the world." Between last Sunday and the upcoming Sundays, they had and will have the opportunity to learn of the Annunciation to the Theotokos and then of the Nativity of our Lord. This is a great deal to "process!" These "seeds" of the Word of God being planted in their young and maturing souls can bear much fruit in terms of how their characters are formed and the paths that they will choose in life. That is why the Church School is a wonderful extension of the Liturgy. Being present for both consistently is truly a joy and a responsibility.

## MEET THE TEACHER Gary George



Gary George has been Orthodox for his whole life and has been teaching church school for over 25 years at Christ the Savior! Gary loves learning with his students and feels that he always learns something new when preparing for class. Gary is married to his wife Andrea. His favorite thing about teaching church school is connecting with his students and connecting his students to Christ.

## Next Week in Church School



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## The Nativity of The Lord

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