

Sunday School Grade 8 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The AGAPE curriculum is for exceptional student education [ESE] for Sunday School. It is designed by the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States.
- This is a modified curriculum designed for individuals with special needs.
- This curriculum is intended to be taught alongside with the general Sunday School program for each grade.

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- Inclusion is an important aspect of the social and learning paradigm of individuals with special needs.
- Stewards serving children and youth with special needs should try to integrate the students in the mainstream classes for as much time as can be tolerated by the student with special needs.
- Integration and inclusion foster friendships among the same age peer group.

Preparation for The Coptic Feasts

Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**
 - The Coptic Church celebrates 7 major and minor feasts.
 - Almost all days are feasts to the Coptic Church.
 - Feasts are a symbol of eternal happiness and joy to come in Christ.
 - The Coptic feasts have beautiful hymns.
 - Nayrouz is the beginning of the Coptic New Year.
 - The Coptic Church unites the heavenly and earthly churches together throughout the year.

Word Bank

- Church



- Celebrate



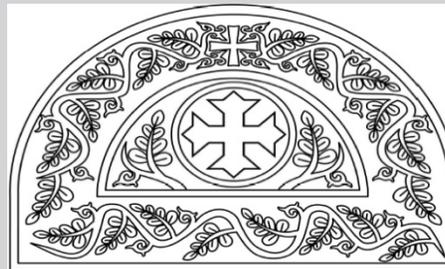
- Happiness



- Hymns



- Nayrouz



- Unite



Objective: To appreciate the joy in the Orthodox church through its many feasts.



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Memory Verse: “Rejoice in the Lord and again I will say rejoice” (Philippians 4:4).

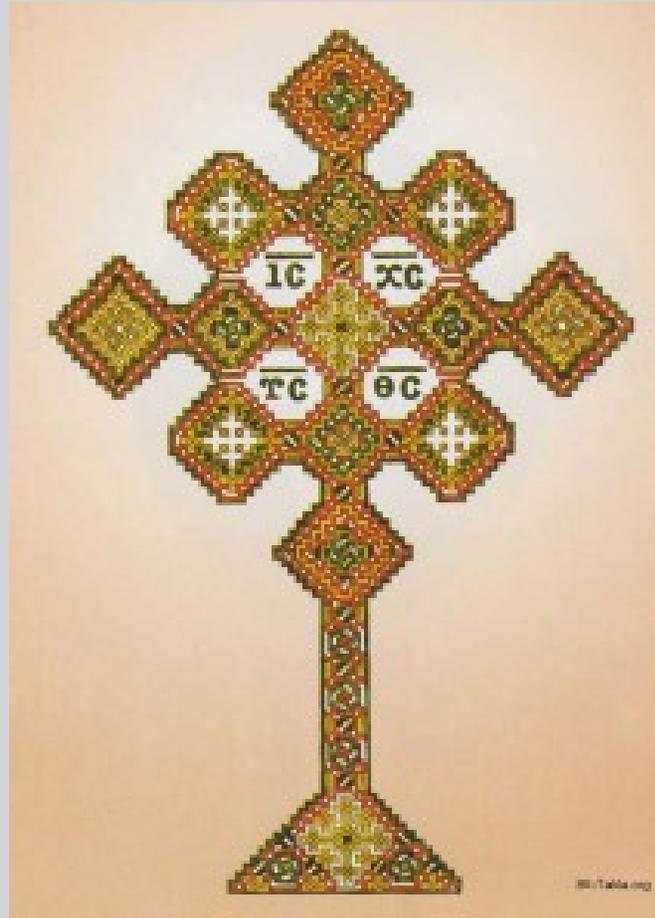


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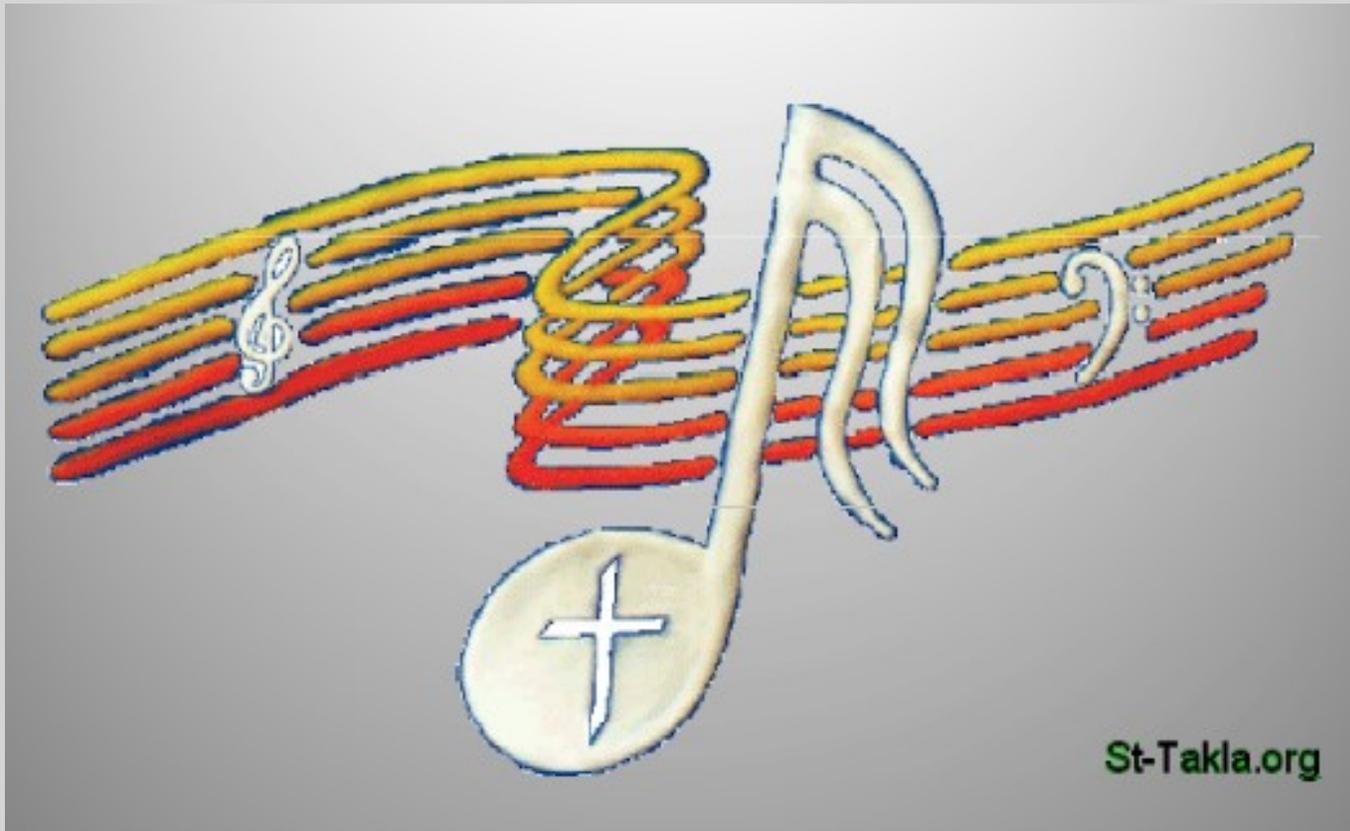
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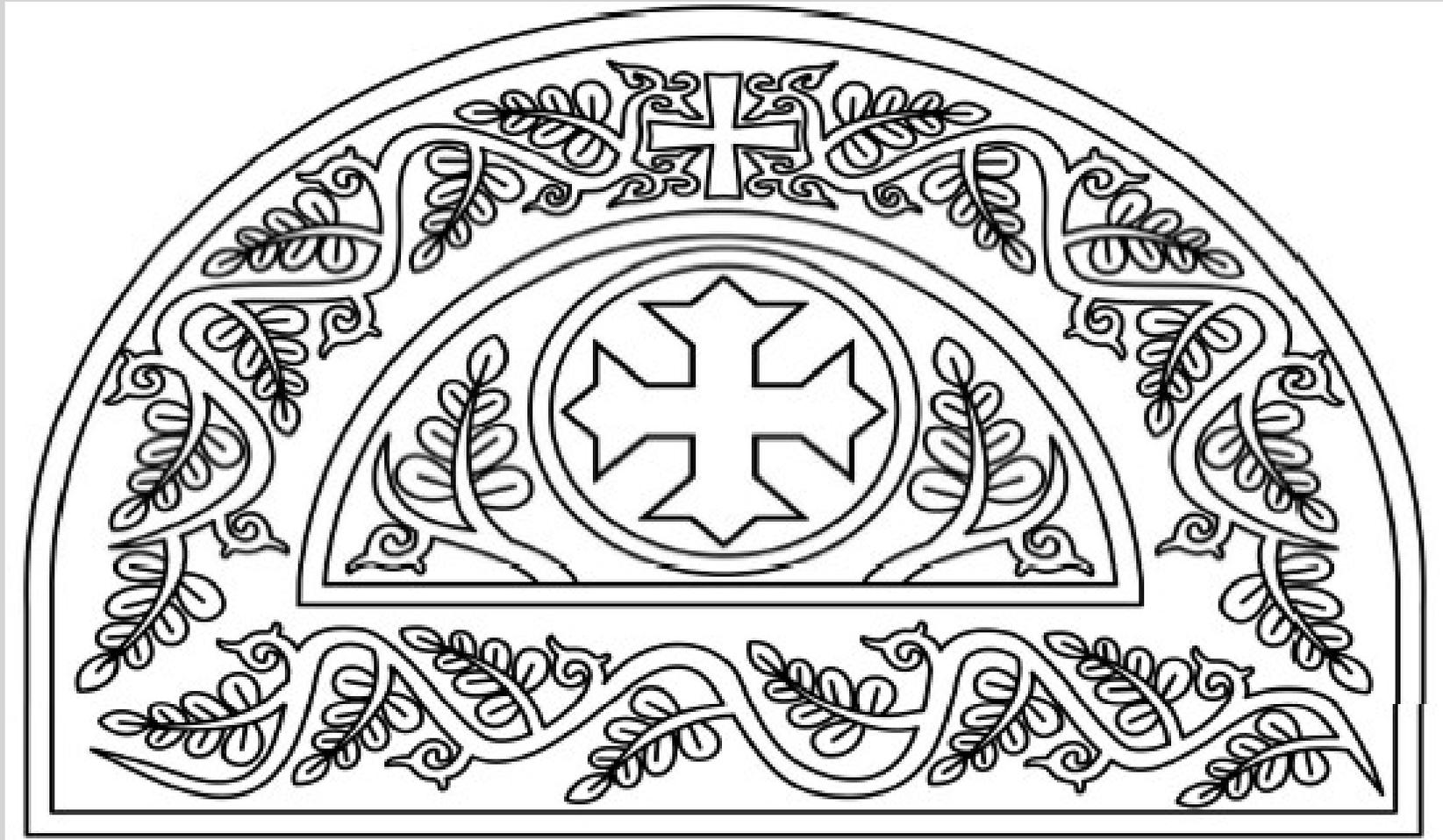
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The Coptic Feasts

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- **Conclusion**
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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

Resources

- Application
 - Coordinate a time for A.G.A.P.E. students to interact with non- A.G.A.P.E. students.
- Activities—Customize according to student abilities, speech, and fine and gross motor skills.
 - Coloring/Painting
 - Cut and Paste
 - Music/Games
- References
 - <http://www.suscopts.org/ssc/Grade08.pdf>