

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

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States

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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 Saint Basil the Great

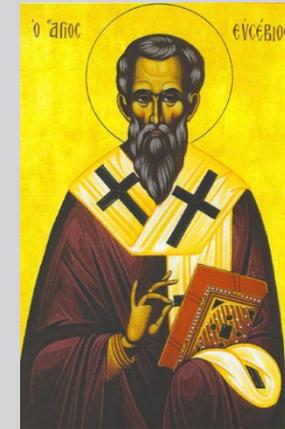
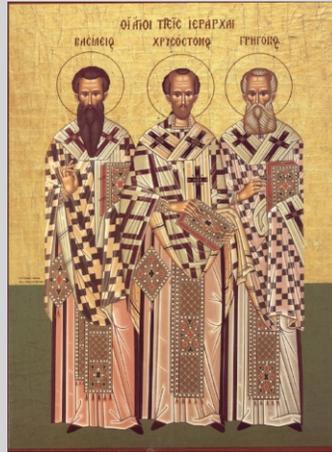
Lessons for the Month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

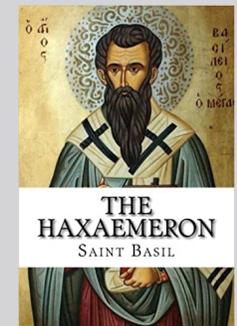
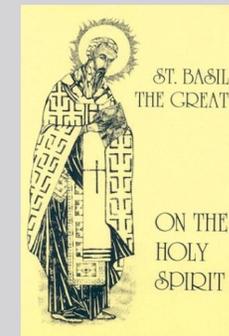
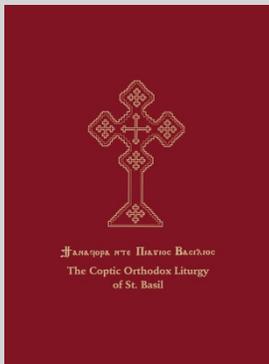
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- He was friends with Gregory of Nazianzus and his brother Gregory of Nyssa. They were called The Three Cappadocians.
- St. Basil was baptized and ordained as a reader in 357 AD and a priest in 364 AD.
- In 370 AD, Bishop Eusebius died and St. Basil was ordained Bishop of Caesarea.
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Word Bank

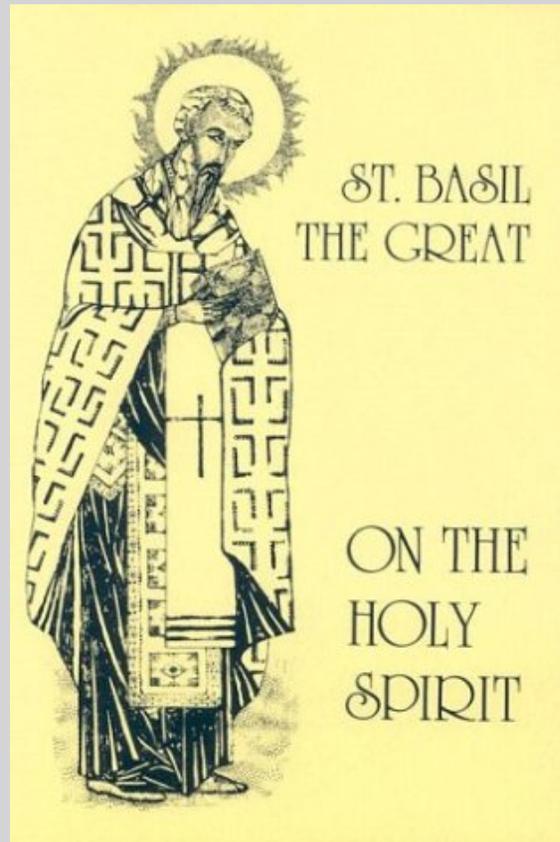
- St. Basil
- Three Cappadocians
- Bishop Eusebius



- St. Basil Liturgy
- St. Basil's life
- His Books



Objective: To learn about the life and works of St. Basil as one of the main fathers of our church.



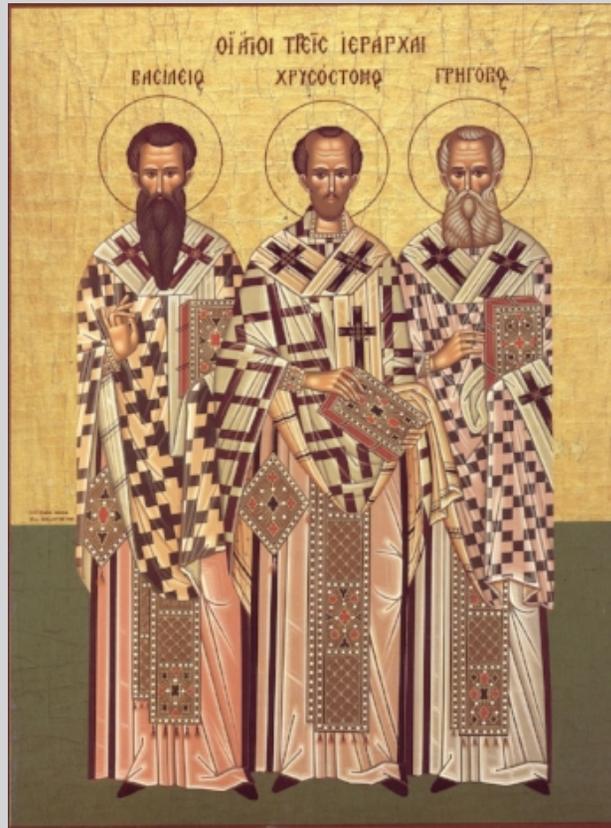
Memory Verse: “To make all people see what is the fellowship of the mystery” (Ephesians 3:9).



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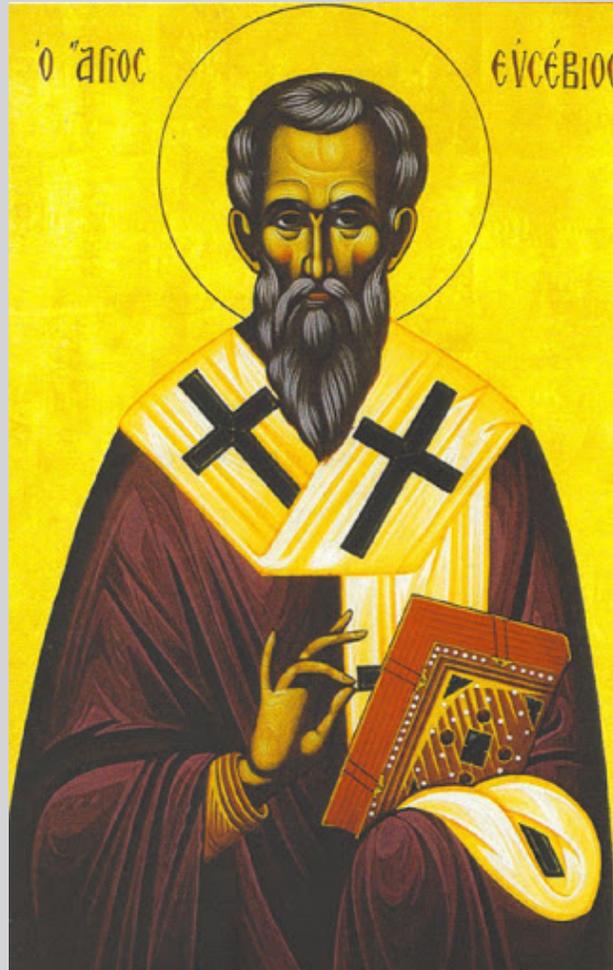
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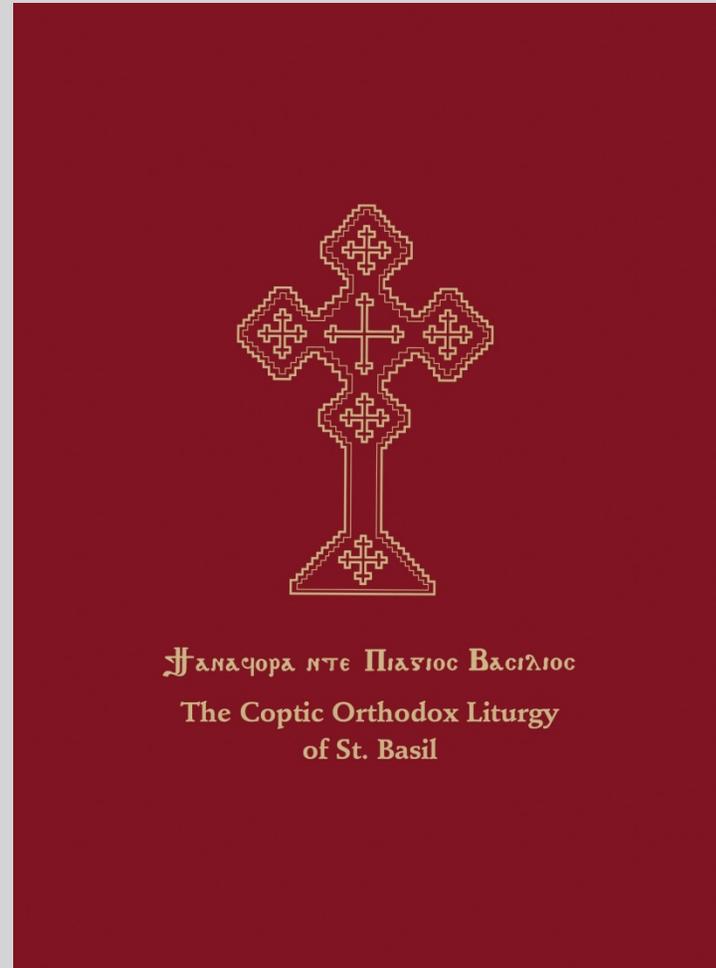
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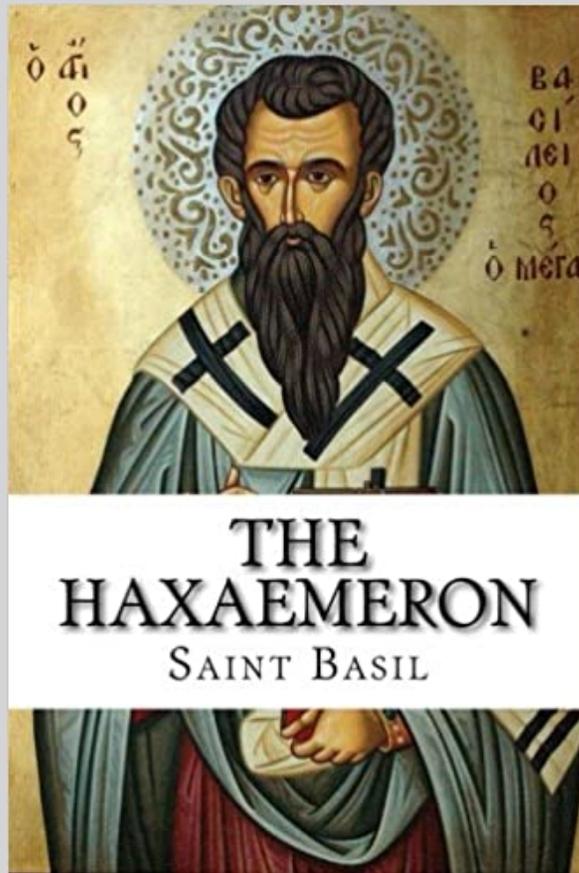
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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

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>