

# Sunday School Grade 9

## A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 School of Alexandria

## Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: # 1**

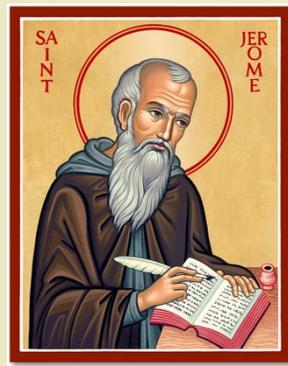
- St. Jerome records that the Christian School of Alexandria was founded by St. Mark. It became the oldest center for sacred sciences in the history of Christianity.
- It is not a building. It started as a Catechetical School to learn the Christian faith to qualify for baptism.
- By the second century it became quite influential on church life. Such as religious knowledge and encourage higher studies.
- St. Mark the apostle, in his last days, appointed Yostius as the new dean of the School. Subsequent deans Athenagoras, Pantaenus, Clement, Origen and many more.
- After dean Didymus there was decline. The emperors of Constantinople closed the School in their persecution against the Copts in 451AD.
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# Word Bank

- St. Mark



- St. Jerome



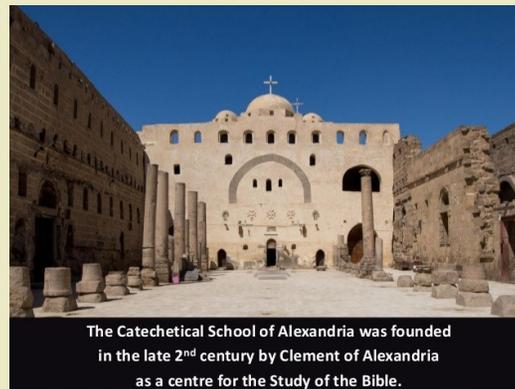
- Catechetical



- St. Didymus



- School of Alexandria



- Orthodox church

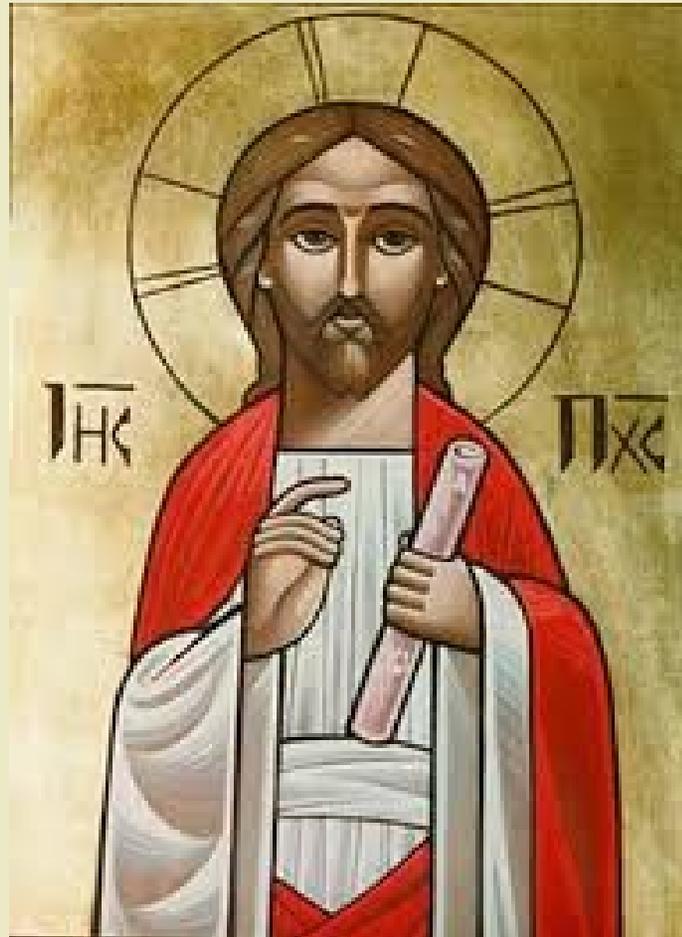


**Objective: Show the greatness of our church and how it influenced the whole world. Christian spirituality does not contradict with science.**



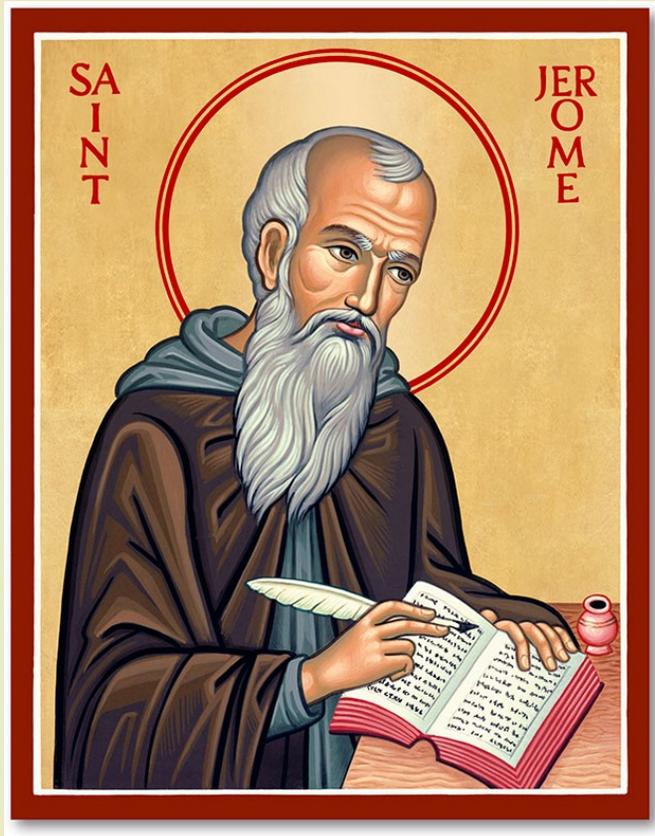
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**Memory Verse: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19)**



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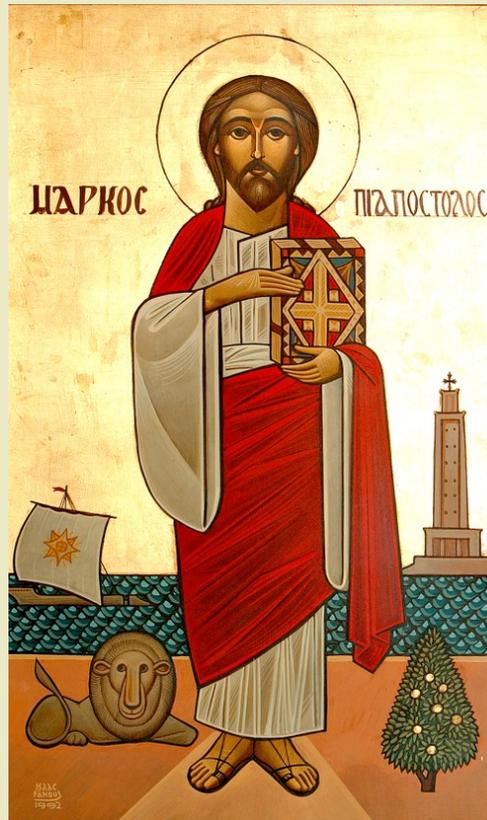


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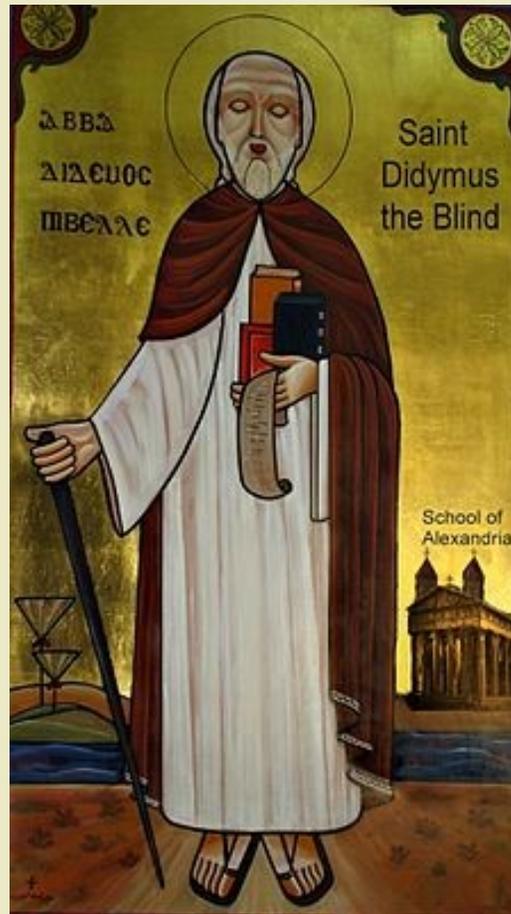


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# School of Alexandria

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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/Grade09.pdf>