

THE EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

Saint George Program Service Book

Religious Award Program for
First, Second & Third Graders
of the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA
Trail Life USA, American Heritage Girls &
Campfire USA



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Our Background

In 1955, Archbishop Michael, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Metropolitan Anthony Bashir, of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese, Bishop Orestes Chormock, of American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Diocese, and Metropolitan Leonty, of the Orthodox Church in America met with Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. The prelates came attired in their robes of office to bestow their blessing of the Boy Scouts and to make known to their constituents that they wanted Scouting to become a part of the youth programs of the local churches. This was one of the first cross-jurisdictional enterprises of the Orthodox Churches in North America. Later they included the Girl Scouts USA. As a result of this historical meeting, the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting [EOCS] was created in 1960 by the Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops in the Americas, whose purpose is to conduct the mission of our Lord and His Church via the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts USA programs on a national level.



In 2009 SCOBA became The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North & Central America. The Assembly understands itself to be the successor of SCOBA, and as such, it has assumed all of its agencies, dialogues, and other ministries.

The bishops of the USA, Canada and Central America were originally together in one Assembly, called the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America; in April 2014 it was announced that, in order to best respond to the cultural diversity and pastoral needs in the region, the Canadian and US bishops would form separate assemblies and the Central American bishops would join the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Latin America.

Our Mission

- Support and conduct the mission of our Lord and His church via the scouting program.
- Recognize the individual youth member as our most important member.
- Provide support, programs, and recognition to the scouts and scouters of Eastern Orthodox faith whether in units in the Eastern Orthodox Churches, or registered in units sponsored by other institutions, via the religious youth recognitions, adult recognitions for volunteer scouters and clergy, retreats, camp-o-rees, associated events and activities.
- Provide support, guidance, programs, and consultation to the Eastern Orthodox Churches that sponsor Scouting and are partners in the scouting program.
- Create, expand, enhance and project a presence of Eastern Orthodox Scouting in the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, and Camp Fire Boys and Girls.
- The E.O.C.S. exists to complement and supplement the youth's program and the unit's program. The E.O.C.S. does not exist to direct or replace a unit's program.
- Encourage the use of the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, and Camp Fire Boys and Girls programs as part of the youth ministry program of the Church and community.
- Develop and extend our Scouting network with our ministry partners.
- The E.O.C.S. is the officially recognized Eastern Orthodox religious committee for the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, Trail Life USA, American Heritage Girls and Camp Fire USA programs.

Award Programs of the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting



For more information on the individual awards visit us:
<https://www.eocs.org/religious-awards>

The St. George Award Program

Why?

Jesus Christ loves children. Our youngest Scouts need to hear and know that message. The St. George program is intended as a primer for our youngest Scouts to explore the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Church. (See Luke 18:16, John 3:16.)

Who is eligible?

Any Orthodox Christian boy or girl who is registered in a EOCS recognized Scouting program may earn the St. George emblem. The recipient must be in the first, second, or third grade and must attend church, school or other formal religious instruction program. The scout must also be a communicant member of an Orthodox Christian Church recognized by the **Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America formerly known as SCOBA.**

For a current list of qualified Orthodox Christian Parishes see:

<http://www.assemblyofbishops.org/directories/parishes>

Priests are encouraged to adapt these requirements for use with mentally and/or physically challenged youth members of these Scouting movements.

Presentation

The St. George Orthodox Medal is granted by the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting, so it should be presented in the church by a priest or a bishop. Consult current uniform regulations of the appropriate Scouting program for the proper location of the medal on the uniform.

Instructions

This booklet is for you. As you read the booklet and work through the program, you will be learning more about yourself, your faith, your Church, and most important, about Christ's love. You may write in this booklet: it is yours to keep.

There are suggested ideas, activities and resources in this program. These are noted for your help. Your own ideas and activities are welcome.

At the end of each part there is a space for comments by your parent(s) and by your priest. Any new ideas or comments can be noted there. The completed part should be signed by you, one of your parents, and by the priest after having reviewed it with you. When all the parts are completed, the priest will sign the application/order form on the last page and submit it with the required fee.

HELP

The EOCS maintains a website and Facebook page.

We can be reached at www.EOCS.org or [Facebook.com/EOCS23](https://www.facebook.com/EOCS23).



THE ST. GEORGE CURRICULUM

Part 1: Foundations of Faith

1. What is your Baptismal name?

2. What does your Baptismal name signify?

3. What day do you celebrate your Baptismal name?

4. What is(are) your Godparent or Godparents name(s)?

5. If possible, attend Divine Liturgy with your Godparent(s).

Date: _____

6. What is Baptism?

7. What is Christmation?

8. Do the sign of the Cross. What does it mean?

9. What is the Holy Trinity?

COMPLETION PART 1

My Signature _____ Date Completed _____

Comments by Parent or Guardian:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Comments by Priest:

Signature of Priest _____

Part 2: Christ's Love

1. Memorize the Lord's Prayer. Recite.

*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.*

2. Name 5 major church holidays and explain them.

3. Tell a Bible story.

4. Tell a story about Christ.

COMPLETION PART 2

My Signature _____ Date Completed _____

Comments by Parent or Guardian:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Comments by Priest:

Signature of Priest _____

Part 3: The Church

1. Draw or list 10 items in your Church and tell what they represent.
Example: The Chandelier represents the stars in the Heavens.

2. Participate in a community service project.

3. Name your Parish Priest(s)

Name your Bishop:

Name your Archbishop or Metropolitan

Name your Patriarch

4. Sing / Chant two Hymns either in English or your Church's ethnic language. Examples are below or pick your own.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

We Praise Thee

We praise Thee; we bless Thee; We give thanks to Thee, Lord, and we implore Thee, our God.

Christ has Risen

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.

5. Color in the icon of St. George on the next page. Discuss the icon with your priest or parent. What does the icon symbolize? Why is St. George the patron saint of scouting?

Saint George



COMPLETION PART 3

My Signature _____ Date Completed _____

Comments by Parent or Guardian:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Comments by Priest:

Signature of Priest _____

Part 4

1. The Scout Oath says: On my honor I will do my best to do my ***Duty to God*** and my country and to obey the scout law to help other people at all times to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

What does Duty to God mean to you? Tell how you do your duty to God in your daily Life:

2. Make a list of things you can do to practice your duty to God as you are taught in your home or Church. Select two of the items and practice them for at least two weeks.



Registration / Presentation Instructions

1. Final Review:

When all four parts are completed, the priest should arrange a meeting between the recipient, the parents or guardians and himself. This discussion could begin with what it meant to work together as a family on the St. George Program.

2. Registration:

Visit our webpage at:

<https://www.eocs.org/st-george-award>

to download the Application form. The Application/Order Form should be filled out and mailed with payment to the following address:

Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.)

11123 S. Towne Sq Ste B

St. Louis, MO 63123

www.PrayPub.org

tel. (800) 933-7729 fax(314) 845-0038

email: info@praypub.org

or

May be ordered online at:

<https://store.praypub.org/eastern-orthodox>

3. Please allow two to three weeks prior to presentation date. It should be presented in the church by an appropriate church authority.

The presentation of the medal is made only on the authority of the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting through the local parish priest.

Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting. Community and Individual Donation Form

The EOCS seeks donations on a yearly basis to offset the costs of its various Outreach and religious growth programs. The suggested membership donation per community is \$50, which registers all the scouting units in the parish. It also entitles one designated leader of the community to be put on our mailing list (either internet or regular mail). It is recommended that you consider naming your parish priest the designated leader. Other adult leaders of the community and any other individual wishing to support the EOCS is encouraged to make an individual donation of \$10 each in order to support our programs and be put on our mailing list. Please make the form available to others who may want to support the EOCS and its mission of promoting Orthodox Scouting. The EOCS makes all of its news events, meeting minutes and other announcements available via the internet (www.eocs.org). You can also visit us on Facebook.

Community Donation	\$50	_____
Individual Donation (s)	_____ X \$15	_____
(list name/address of individual donors on a separate paper)		
Official EOCS Patch (sent via regular mail)	_____ X \$10	_____
Contribution to the EOCS Scholarship Fund	\$	_____
Donation to the EOCS general operational fund	\$	_____
Total donation	\$	_____

Please select one:

- Community Leader (included in community donation)
 Individual supporter

Please fill in the appropriate spaces below:

Parish name: _____

Unit Designation: _____

Name: _____

Position _____

Street Address: _____

Phone # _____

City/St./Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Please make your selection:

- Notify me via the internet Notify me via the USPS