

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Cambridge, MA**  
**Church School Calendar 2008-2009**  
(revised 9/7/08)

**September 2008**

- SEP 7:** Registration (downstairs after liturgy) -  
Blessing of the Church School Teachers and  
Students  
*Sep 8 (Mon): Feast - Nativity of the Theotokos*  
**SEP 14:** Music Lesson (downstairs, all students and  
teachers) - Feast of Elevation of the Cross and  
Procession  
**SEP 21:** Sunday School Lesson 1  
**SEP 28:** Sunday School Lesson 2

**October 2008 (YOUTH MONTH)**

- OCT 5:** Sunday School Lesson 3  
**OCT 12:** **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** (*Columbus Day*)  
**OCT 19:** Sunday School Lesson 4  
**OCT 26:** Sunday School Lesson 5 - 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Weekend - Feast of St. Demetrios

**November 2008**

- NOV 2:** Sunday School Lesson 6  
**NOV 9:** Sunday School Lesson 7 - Prepare for  
Nativity Fast - Pageant Rehearsal 1 (upstairs  
during coffee hour) - Feast of St. Nectarios  
*Nov 15 (Sat): Nativity Fast begins*  
**NOV 16:** Sunday School Lesson 8  
*Nov 21 (Thu): Feast - Entrance of the Theotokos*  
*Nov 22 (Sat): "Family Vespers" - families are  
encouraged to go to Vespers*  
**NOV 23:** Sunday School Lesson 9 - Pageant  
Rehearsal 2  
**NOV 30:** **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** (*Thanksgiving*) -  
*Feast of St. Andrew*

**December 2008**

- Dec 6 (Sat): Feast of St. Nicholas*  
**DEC 7:** Lesson in Sanctuary - St. Nicholas  
Festivities - Pageant Rehearsal 3  
**DEC 14:** Sunday School Lesson 10 - Prepare for  
Nativity - Pageant Dress Rehearsal  
**DEC 21:** Church School Christmas Pageant -  
Christmas Festivities Coffee Hour  
*Dec 25 (Thu): Christmas - Nativity of Christ*  
**DEC 28:** **NO CHURCH SCHOOL**

**January 2009**

- JAN 4:** Music Lesson - Prepare for Theophany  
*Jan 6 (Tue): Feast of Theophany*  
**JAN 11:** Lesson in Sanctuary - Blessing of the Water  
**JAN 18:** Sunday School Lesson 11 - Start preparations  
for Creative Arts for Conference  
**JAN 25:** Sunday School Lesson 12

**February 2009**

- FEB 1:** Sunday School Lesson 13 - Discuss Feast of the  
Presentation  
*Feb 2 (Mon): Feast - Presentation of our Lord*  
**FEB 8:** Sunday School Lesson 14 - *Triodion begins*  
**FEB 15:** **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** (*School Vacation:  
February 15-22*)  
**FEB 22:** Sunday School Lesson 15 - Meatfare Sunday  
*Feb 28 (Sat): Creative Arts Festival Pre-Lenten Retreat  
- "Family Vespers"*

**March 2009**

- MAR 1:** Sunday School Lesson 16 - Cheesefare Sunday  
*Mar 2 (Mon): Great Lent Begins*  
**MAR 8:** Lesson in the Sanctuary - Sunday of Orthodoxy  
- Bring your icon for Procession  
**MAR 15:** Sunday School Lesson 17  
**MAR 22:** Music Lesson (downstairs) - Feast of  
Adoration of the Cross - Lent Midpoint  
*Mar 25 (Wed): Feast - Annunciation*  
**MAR 29:** Sunday School Lesson 18

**April 2009**

- APR 5:** Sunday School Lesson 19 - Prepare for Palm  
Sunday and Pascha  
*Apr 11 (Sat): Lazarus Saturday*  
**APR 12:** **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** - Palm Sunday -  
Procession Upstairs for Children and Adults  
*Apr 17 (Fri): Great & Holy Friday - Children's Retreat,  
Teen Vigil at the Tomb*  
**APR 19:** **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** (*School Vacation: April  
19-26*) - HOLY PASCHA  
**APR 26:** Sunday School Lesson 20 - Thomas Sunday

**May 2009**

- MAY 3:** Sunday School Lesson 21 - Holy Myrrhbearers  
**MAY 10:** Last Sunday of Classes Lesson 22  
**MAY 17:** Graduation /Picnic in Church Parking Lot