

As the Church School Director I am looking forward to working with my staff, teachers AND with **YOU** (the St. Nicholas parishioners), to enrich the lives of our children. St. Nicholas is our spiritual family and we all should take part in educating our **youth** (the **you** of tomorrow). As a community, we need to show our children our love and devotion to our Orthodox faith.

This year's Church School theme is "And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is **LOVE.**" ^{1 Corinthians 13:13} Church School students are going to be encouraged to 'spread love' by emulating Christ by being good stewards of the church by using their time, talent and treasure in Service to our Families, Friends, Neighbors, Community and Christ.

Every week your child is encouraged to bring "a donation" to Church School (this will help them learn the lesson of "stewardship"), plus be assigned homework: Do something nice for someone!

I would like to thank the parents in advance for sharing your children with us every Sunday! But, what can you do to help? You can help our Church School program, in the final analysis, your child, by bringing him/her every Sunday. Encourage your child to tell you about the lesson taught for the day, as well as, the craft brought home. Pray with your child. (Each lesson should begin and end with Prayer.) Attend worship services together as a **family**; Divine Liturgy starts at 10:00 a.m.

And thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

Miss Michelle