

Activity Books for Orthodox Children and Tweens in English, Spanish, Romanian, and French

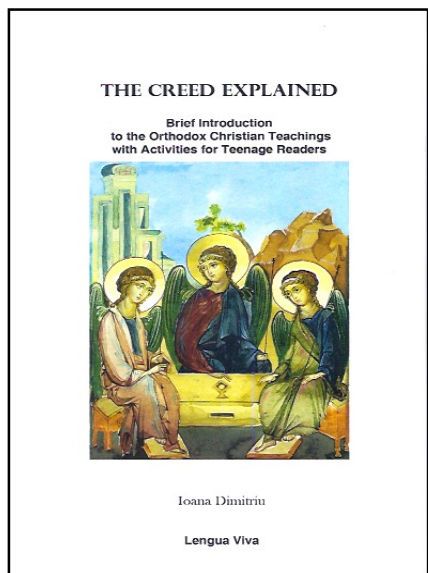
Three new activity books appropriate for use in various group settings, such as Sunday School, Vacation Bible Studies, and summer camps, are now available from Lengua Viva.

The activity book for children entitled *The Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church* presents the stories of the major Feasts, each followed by a series of engaging activities. The texts are written in a language that is accessible to younger audiences, while the colouring illustrations in the Byzantine style, the multiple choice questions, the word games, and the other writing activities are designed to engage younger as well as older elementary school children.



THE TWELVE GREAT FEASTS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

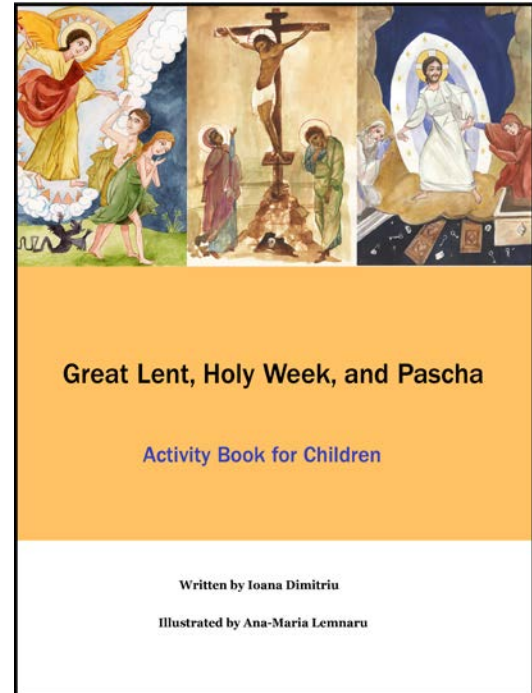
ACTIVITY BOOK FOR CHILDREN



The Creed Explained—Brief Introduction to the Orthodox Christian Teachings with Activities for Teenager Readers—has been considered a useful tool for learning about our ancient faith. Tweens are introduced to elements of early Christian history—Christian catacombs, the Holy Emperor Constantine the Great, the first two Ecumenical Councils, Church Fathers and Mothers, true and false teachings—followed by concise explanations of the main doctrinal points contained in the Creed—the Holy Trinity, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Ascension, Christ's Second Coming, the Final Judgment, the Kingdom without end, the Church,

the Sacraments, and the general Resurrection. The activities include questions and written reflexions, crossword puzzles, as well as a “mid-term” and a “final” assessment.

The readings contained in *Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, Activity Book for Children* follow the main structure of the *Triodion*, namely, the four Sundays before the beginning of Great Lent, the five Sundays of Great Lent, Lazarus Saturday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Pascha. This activity book includes writing, drawing, and colouring activities that are mostly appropriate for children 8 to 12 years old. In his foreword to this activity book, His Eminence Irénée, Archbishop of Ottawa and the Archdiocese of Canada of the Orthodox Church in America, wrote: “The Triodion is the period of the liturgical year of the Holy Orthodox Church that sets the tone for the whole year. It is essential to our Christian lives that from our early years we understand and experience the richness and beauty of our church services so that the wisdom acquired from them may continue to guide us throughout our lives. This work is an invaluable help in introducing our children to this spiritual experience.”



These three activity books have been written and published by Ioana Dimitriu, a Romanian-Canadian parishioner of the Annunciation Orthodox Cathedral in Ottawa. She began to write activity books after having participated in a missionary trip to Mexico organized by OCA/OCMC in 2014, when she had the opportunity to work with youth in rural Orthodox communities. Being a Spanish teacher and a native speaker of Romanian, she decided to use her language skills to develop catechetical materials that would benefit Orthodox Children from multilingual parishes, or those who worship in Spanish, French, or Romanian.

The three activity books contain illustrations created by Ana-Maria Lemnaru, a young Romanian artist who drew her inspiration from the Byzantine iconographic tradition. However, the artist preferred to slightly stylize her illustrations in order to make them more appealing to young viewers.

The first activity book— *The Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church*—was first published in Spanish, and is now being used in catechetical classes by children in Mexico.



It is also available in Romanian and in French. The English Edition has been much appreciated by Sunday school teachers and students alike, and therefore a Second English Edition has been recently published.

LES DOUZE FÊTES MAJEURES DE L'ÉGLISE ORTHODOXE

LIVRE D'ACTIVITÉS POUR LES ENFANTS



For more details on these activity books, please visit www.LenguaViva.ca

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These activity books have been published with the blessing of His Eminence Irénée, Archbishop of Ottawa and of the Archdiocese of Canada of the OCA, and the blessing of His Eminence Alejo, Archbishop of Mexico City and of All Mexico of the OCA.