

Section C: Periodicals & Series for Children and Families

General Concepts, Biblical and Sacramental Themes:

Little Falcons (Liturgy & Life themes), **Arch Books** (Biblical Stories),

Saints for All Ages (Lives of Saints 8 yrs.-Adults),

(May be used as a reference for any theme)

- **"Little Falcons" Orthodox Periodical for Children & Families**
- **Arch Books (on the Theme) for Children and Families**
- **Saints for All Ages - (OCA Series for Teens & Adults)**
- **Theme Books for Teens, Parents, Teachers, & Adult Study Groups**

Little Falcons A modest little magazine for children with an excellent mix of stories, feasts and celebrations, lives of saints, and articles related to a special theme of each issue. Many of the materials are taken from previous publications now out of print, while others (such as Natalie Ashanin's excellent introductions to the theme of each issue) are new. The theme of issue #18, ***The Way***, features stories and activities for the period of Lazarus Saturday to Thomas Sunday, with articles on Christ's ministry (with a map of Palestine), His Entrance to Jerusalem, a Journey Game, the journey of Tobias, and an excerpt from C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."
(See also #3, 6,7,8)

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3. **The Cross** [tree of the Cross, death and resurrection. ISSN 1072-0146]
4. **Bells** [call to worship, sound and communication. ISSN 1072-0146/4]
5. **Oil** [anointing, healing, light and mercy. ISSN 1072-0146/5]
6. **Water** [water of life, baptism, power, death and cleansing. ISSN 1072-0146/6]
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11. **Vestments** [robes of glory, stories of Adam & Eve, Joseph, and the Prodigal Son, our baptismal robe, clothing through the centuries, making vestments. ISSN 1072-0146/11]
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13. **The Holy Trinity** [Three in One, the Creed-Symbol of the Faith, shamrocks and images of 3 in 1, Prayer to the Holy Trinity, Painter of the Holy Trinity icon. ISSN 1072-0146/13]
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18. **The Way** [The journey of life, Which Way? Jesus' new way of living, Entry to Jerusalem, the Ways of Flying Geese, Journey to the Resurrection, Tobias and the Angel, an excerpt from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the way to Paradise, roads lead the way. ISSN 1072-0146/18]
19. **Seeds** [The miracle of Seeds, Sower & Seeds in our Life, Martyrs, Wheat: Death and Resurrection, planting, growing up, koliva. ISSN 1072-0146/19]
20. **Salt** [A poem on friendship. The Salt of the Earth, Salt in the Holy Land, Friends bring a Sick Man, A Family Helps in Romania, The Dead Sea, Salt is Better than Gold, Making a Difference like Salt, St. Cosmas of Aitolos. A Sense of Taste.

"Arch Books" Series for Children

Note: This series contains several sets of books, some of which may be out of print, though many parish libraries have copies. For up-to-date information, contact Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO (cphmall.com) cf. Kid's Corner. The following titles for Palm Sunday to Pascha may be used with Primary children 4-8 or 9 yrs. Rhyming verse is used to tell the stories.

Stories for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha (see below for Holy Saturday readings)

The Donkey Who Served the King (#59-1238) Two disciples of Jesus ask the children for use of the family's pet donkey for a special event, i.e., Christ's Entry into Jerusalem. Matt. 21:1-11.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem (#59-1455) The story of Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Matt. 21:1-11.

The Most Wonderful King (#59-1145) The events from Palm Sunday to the Journey to Emmaus summarize the major themes of Holy Week and Pascha. Luke 19:28-24:43; John 12:12-20:31

The Bread and the Wine (#59-1245) The story of the Jesus Last Supper with His disciples. John 13:1-38; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.

The Very First Lord's Supper (#59-1501) Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples, followed by His prayer in the Garden and the Betrayal by Judas. Matt. 26:17-75; Mark 14:12-72; Luke 22:7-71

The Man Who Carried the Cross for Jesus (#59-1242) The events of the Crucifixion as witnessed by Simon of Cyrene. Luke 23:26; Mark 15:21.

The Day Jesus Died (#59-1516) The story of the passion and death of Christ on the Cross.

My Happy Easter Book (#59-1493) The story of the burial and resurrection of Christ. Matt. 27:57-28:10

God's Easter Plan (#59-1461) Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and shows her that He is risen and alive! John 20:1-18.

The Story of the Empty Tomb (#59-1517) The women followers of Jesus come to the tomb and discover that the Lord is risen!

Thomas, the Doubting Disciple (#59-1504) The story of Jesus' appearance to His disciples behind closed doors, and the doubt of the missing Thomas who didn't believe the others. John 20:19-29.

The Fishermen's Surprise (#59-1139) Jesus' call of the disciples, and His appearance to them after His resurrection, but they do not recognize Him until He sends them out to get a great catch of fish. Luke 5:1-11 and John 21.

Old Testament Stories Read on Great and Holy Saturday

Jonah and the Very Big Fish (#59-1514) Jonah is sent by God to deliver a message to the people of Ninevah, but God has a surprise for Jonah. The Book of Jonah

The Man Caught by a Fish (#59-1136) The story of Jonah and his mission to the Ninevites. The Book of Jonah

The Great Escape (#59-1196) The story of the first Passover and how God set His people free. Exodus 3:1-15:1.

Moses' Dry Feet (#59-1518) The story of Moses leading God's people through the Sea to escape the Egyptian armies.

God's Fire for Elijah (#59-1523) Elijah challenges the people who worshipped the Baals or false gods, and show that the God of Israel was the One true God. I Kings 18:16-46

Three Men Who Walked in Fire (#59-1137) Three young men of Israel who are living in Babylon refuse to worship the new statue of the King who thought he could be worshipped as a god. Daniel 3.

Three Men in the Fiery Furnace (#59-1466) The story of the three youths who are thrown into a fiery furnace because they refused to worship King Nebuchadnezzar and remained faithful to the God of Israel. Daniel 3:1-30.

Teens, Parents, Teachers, and Other Adults/Study Groups

The Church Year, Volume II of *Celebration of Faith* by Alexander Schmemmann. [SVS Press.] ISBN 0-88141-138-8. Sermons by Fr. Schmemmann originally broadcast to Russia, focusing especially on the Christmas and Easter cycles. An excellent and easily readable text for adult or individual study. 162pp.

The Living God: 2 Volumes A Catechism for the Christian Faith. [SVS Press.] ISBN 0-88141-130-2. A unique catechism that integrates scripture, the liturgical year, theology and iconography to explain basic Christian dogmas and elements of the Orthodox faith.

The Incarnate God: 2 Volumes, The Feasts of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary, Catherine Aslanoff, ed. [SVS Press. 276 pp. ISBN 0-88141-040-3] An excellent instructional text or home guide and commentary on the life of Christ, the feasts and liturgical verses and services covering the period from the Transfiguration of Christ to the Dormition of Mary. Contains excellent black and white iconographic illustrations by Fr. Andrew Tregubov. A very useful companion book for parents, teachers and teens with the **Journey to Pascha** FOCUS education web-site study unit.

Treasures of the Holy Land, by Veselin and Lydia Kesich. [SVS Press.] ISBN 0-88141-045-4. A Visit to the Places of Christian Origins. This is a unique commentary on historical sites where events in the life of Christ took place, with biblical texts and references and 24 excellent line drawings. 112 pp.

The Passion of Christ, by Veselin Kesich. [SVS Press] ISBN 0-913836-80-X A small commentary on the passion narrative of the Gospels that adds insights of modern scholarship for the general reader. 84pp.

Jesus Christ and the Temple, by Georges A. Barrois. [SVS Press] ISBN 0-913836-73-7 A very readable introduction to major feasts and events that relate to worship and the Old Testament Temple, which integrates Old and New Testamental themes and events. 164pp.

Scripture Readings in Orthodox Worship, by Georges A. Barrois [SVS Press] ISBN 0-913836-41-9 A focus on scriptural lessons through the course of the liturgical seasons and feasts of the Orthodox Church, interpreted through the context of the Church's worship and prayer. A good text for an adult class. 197pp.

Orthodox Lent, Holy Week and Easter, by Hugh Wybrew. [SVS Press.] ISBN 0-88141-162-0 Selected liturgical texts and commentary from the services of the Lenten season through Pascha.

Note: For Liturgical Music and Recordings for Holy Week and Pascha, see the Resource Bin on Liturgy (or click here for **Liturgical Music**)