

# The Mission of the Church in Our Family



## **Mission: God's Call**

As a family read Matthew 28:19-20 (The Great Commission).

Orthodox Christians are sent by God to witness to:

- The person of Jesus Christ as the Son of God,
- Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection,
- The new life open to all through Him, and
- Jesus' teachings about Himself and how people should live.

## **Our Family Mission Story**

Discuss the following questions and statements and share your answers during the next session of church school.

1. How did you and your family come to the Orthodox Christian Church?
2. Did your family come from what is considered a traditional Orthodox country? If so, which one?
3. What are some ways your family expresses its faith at home? In your community?
4. Is anyone in your family a godparent to anyone? What does this mean to you? How does becoming a godparent effect the Church's growth and life?
5. In the Church we refer to other Orthodox Christians as brothers and sisters in Christ. The Church is our spiritual family. What would your family's life be like if you had no spiritual family near you?
6. Discuss as a family the blessings of having a parish to go to as a spiritual home where you can worship, learn more about Jesus and His Church, and be with other Orthodox Christians.
7. As a family share stories about people who have been examples of faith in your life.
8. What are some things your family can do to help others learn about the Good News of Jesus' Death and Resurrection?
9. How has/does your family participate in helping the Orthodox Church grow here in North America?

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