



Servants Preparation Program Guidance for the Mentors

St. Mary and St. Mark's church Servants Preparation program is a two-year program focused on developing disciples for Christ and future leaders for the Sunday school ministry. The program follows the Ontario, Canada [Servants Preparation Curriculum](#).

Role of the Mentor:

When servants are invited to help mentor the youth, this is what'll be expected from the mentor:

- Get to know who you are working with. A phone call would help if you don't know them (contact info will be provided)
- Set the stage for the youth and help them think about how to present the topic with clear takeaway points from the lesson
- Provide English-based Orthodox resources for the lesson preparation
- The curriculum provides general guidance, but it's insufficient as the sole resource
- The youth should prepare and present around 20-40% of the lesson, and the mentor should prepare and present 60-80% of the session
- Follow up with the youth to have a draft presentation provided to you for review two weeks before the presentation day and a final presentation a week before the presentation day.
- Review the draft and provide feedback for improvement as needed
- Share your final presentation with the assigned Servants Preparation servant for review. The last review will be provided before the Wednesday preceding the presentation

PowerPoint Presentation Suggestions:

- Font >18
- Short sentences for each bullet point; avoid stacked text
- Provide an outline of the lesson upfront
- You can use the (Notes) section for the necessary text for the presenter's use
- Pictures are encouraged
- Avoid animations; they distract the audience
- Aim for 10 to 15 slides

Before the Meeting:



- The mentor will email Marina Beshay 6 questions by Friday, a week before the presentation
 - Three questions at an easy level (True/False or multiple choice) for the quiz
 - 3 Questions at Medium and Hard levels (True/False or multiple choice) for the monthly exam

At the Servants Prep Meeting

- The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. sharp and ends at 8:30 p.m. sharp. You need to help achieve that
- The meeting is structured as follows:
 - 7:30 pm - 12th-hour prayer from the Agpeya
 - 7:40 pm – Spiritual Songs
 - 7:45 pm – Youth and Mentor Presentation (20-25 minutes)
 - 8:10 pm – Quiz
 - 8:15 pm – Group discussion
 - 8:30 pm – Adjourn
- Please help us to stay on track by sticking to the above schedule.

May the Lord bless your service abundantly,
Servants Preparation Servants