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The Annunciation of the Theotokos

Activities for teaching young Orthodox Christian children about the Feast



Name

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS



Wall painting by Dmitri Shkolnik at St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church, Dayton, OH. Photo by Fr. Ted Bobosh,
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Draw an oval shape around the Theotokos.

Draw a rectangle shape around the angel.

Can you find the dove coming down to the Theotokos from Heaven? Color it yellow.

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Number the following on the icon:

1. The Theotokos - 2. The Archangel Gabriel
3. God's Grace - 4. The staff the angel is holding

What color are the Theotokos' clothes?

..... underneath. on top.

Look closely at the icon.

Can you find the three stars on the Theotokos? Circle them.

How can we tell the event is taking place inside? Circle the detail on the icon that shows us.

CONSTRUCT THE PHRASE



Cut out the rectangles in the following page and glue them on this page in the correct order, to find out what the Theotokos said to the angel.



CONSTRUCT THE PHRASE



Behold the maidservant

of the Lord!

Let it be

to me

according

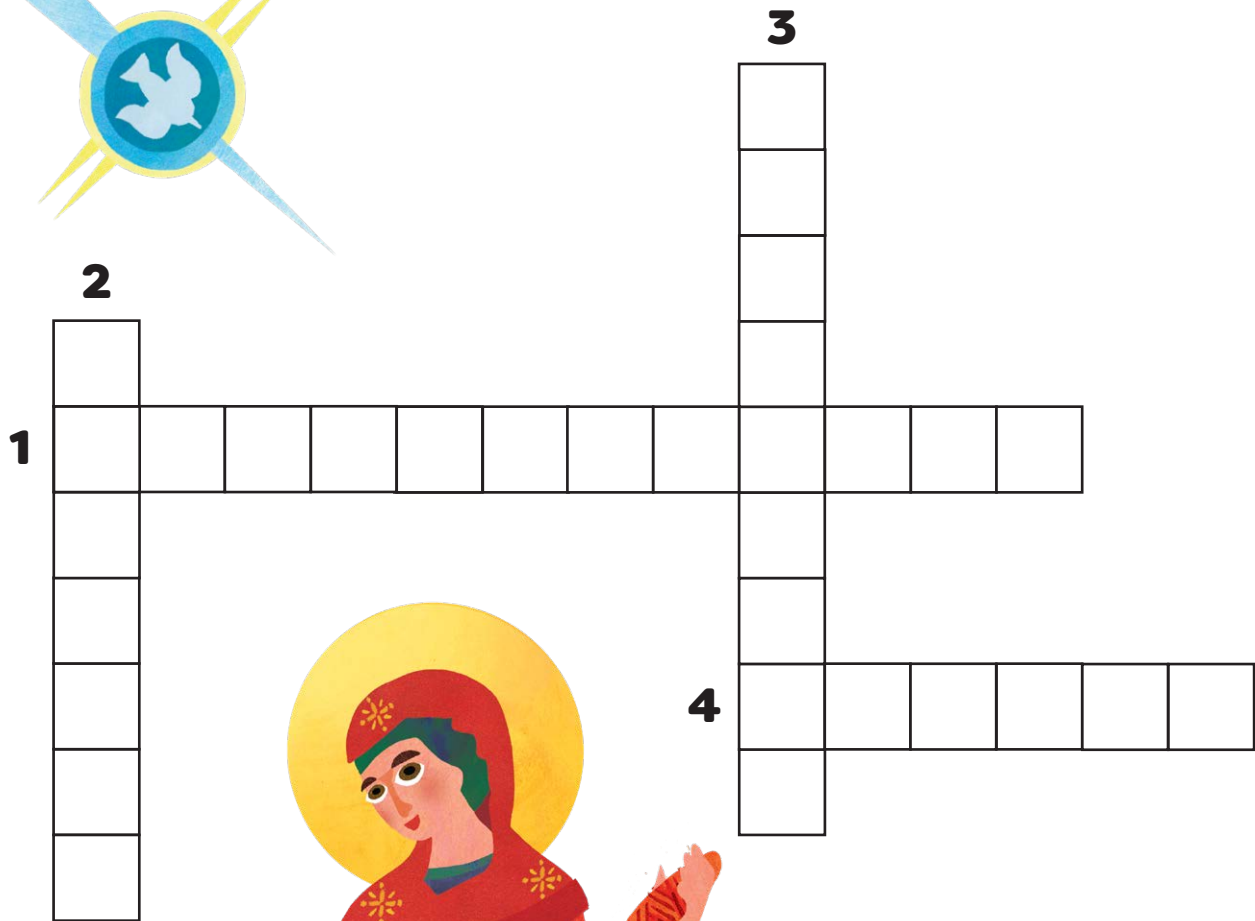
to your word.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Fill in the crossword puzzle using the following words:

OBEYED - THEOTOKOS - ANNUNCIATION - GABRIEL

1. The angel visited the Theotokos on the Feast of the _____.
2. The name of the angel was _____.
3. The Mother of God is called the _____.
4. The Theotokos _____ God's will.



CUT & GLUE CRAFT / PAPER PUPPETS



CUT & GLUE CRAFT

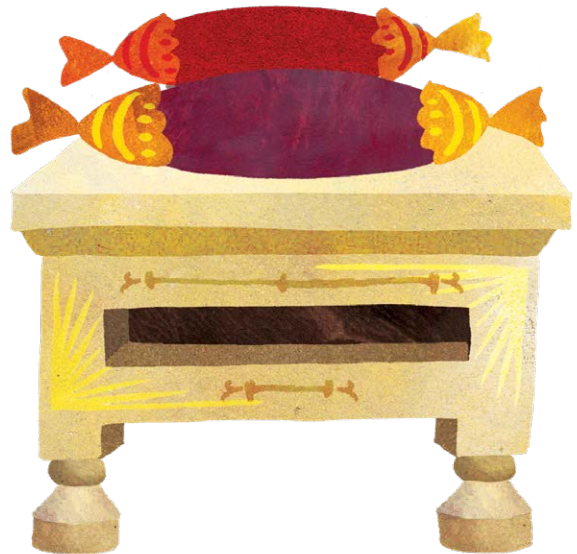
Print and cut out the images on this and the following pages. Glue them on a piece of colored poster board to make a scene inspired by the icon of the Annunciation.

STORYTELLING WITH THE PUPPETS

You can also use the figures to make paper puppets for acting out the scene. To do this, laminate them or print them on sturdy paper and tape them on popsicle sticks or drinking straws. You can also glue self-adhesive magnet pieces on the back of the images, and use them to tell the story using a magnetic board.



The Theotokos



God's Grace descending
from Heaven



The Archangel Gabriel

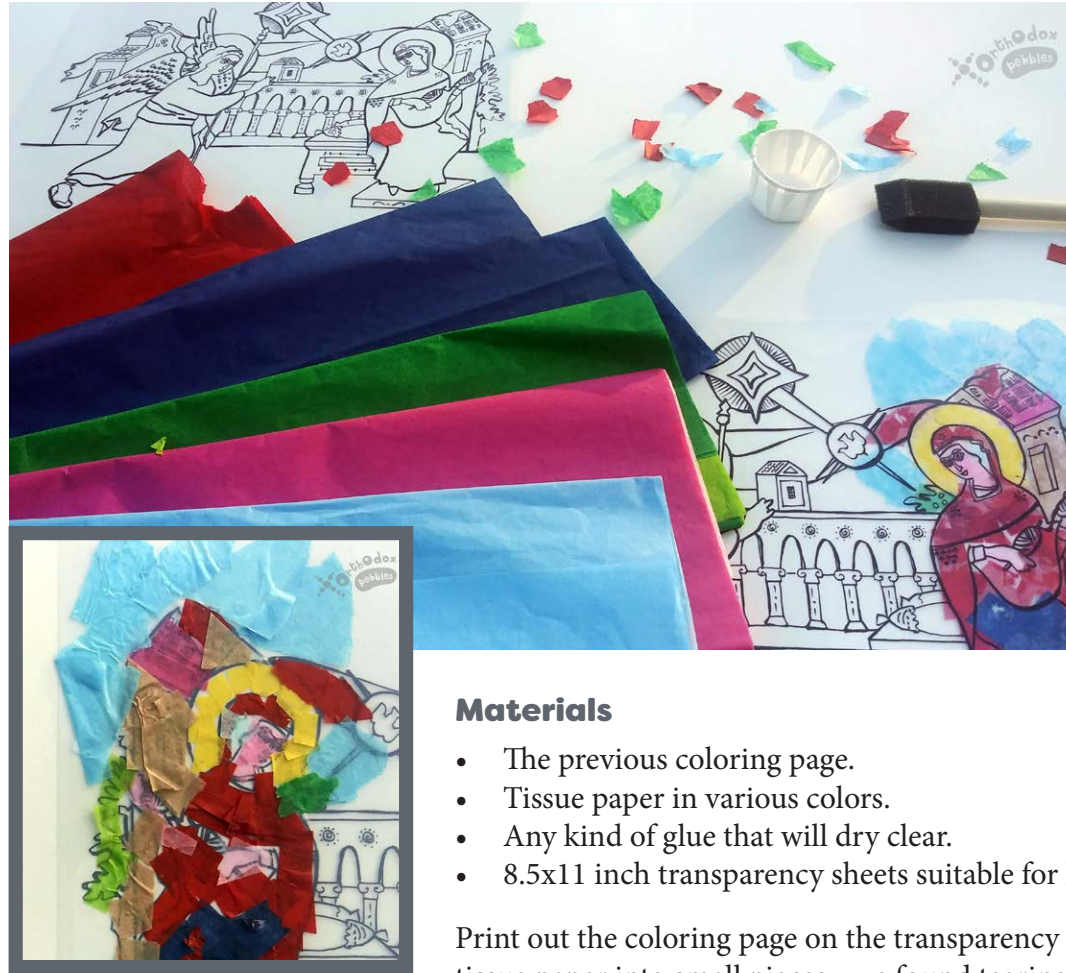


ANNUNCIATION SCENE
COLORING PAGE



ANNUNCIATION SCENE SUN CATCHER CRAFT

This craft can become simpler or more elaborate, depending on the desire of the crafter. For children who like detailed work, the paper pieces can be cut quite small, and the children can spend a substantial amount of time carefully gluing them to fit the design, making this a great stay-at-home quiet activity.



Materials

- The previous coloring page.
- Tissue paper in various colors.
- Any kind of glue that will dry clear.
- 8.5x11 inch transparency sheets suitable for home printers.

Print out the coloring page on the transparency sheets. Tear or cut the tissue paper into small pieces - we found tearing to be more enjoyable and easier to adapt to the various shapes. Spread a thin layer of glue on the back of a small part of the transparency sheet. Glue on tissue paper pieces to your liking. Continue with the rest of the transparency sheet. When completely dry, place in front of a window and enjoy the transparent colorful design!

GLASS BUTTON MAGNETS



Materials

- The following printable page.
- 5 cm round dome cabochons.
- Round disc magnets - we used magnets that also included peel-and-stick adhesive dots, but any similarly sized magnet will work and can be glued using a drop of glue.
- Water based glaze/glue.

Cut out the printed circles. Spread a thin layer of glue on the flat side of each cabochon. Glue the printed circle on the cabochon, so that the image shows through the glass dome. Let dry for a few minutes. Glue the magnet on the back and let dry completely. Ready!



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