

VBS Daily News

Real IMPORTANT Information about Today's VBS

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EXTRA! BREAKING NEWS! EXTRA! *WE CAN ALL LIVE IN AN OTHRODOX WORLD!*

State College, PA The final day of the 2017 VBS concluded today with the students enjoying the kid's favorite – pizza followed by a short study of the Theotokos – the Mother of God.

Spokespersons for the VBS stated that ehach day throughout the week the students discussed and learned about what it means to live in an Orthodox world. The focus was not on the fact that the whole world is not Orthodox but rather that through the wisdom of the Church we have be given a discipline to conduct our lives as much as God has provided and made us capable of doing so.

To be sure, none of what started to happen this week can be accomplished overnight. There is no "instant" formula for teaching children about God. Patience and, above all, consistency are essential in attaining the desired results.

True Orthodoxy is reflected in a way of life which is practiced in the home on a regular basis. To have children live one way at home and then suddenly to expect them to act differently in the church is an unrealistic approach.

There is no reason to be afraid to set high standards for our children. When we have high expectations, children not only gain self-esteem by meeting those expectations, but they come to love and respect those who set them.

Just as we must breathe to live, and we breathe all the time, we should pray all the time. Every time we breathe we can remember God. The Matins service says, *"Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord."* Let it be so for us and our children.

TODAY'S WEATHER



TO BE LIKE MARY

Today the students learned that we are strive to be like the Virgin Mary – the Theotokos – and ask her to pray for us. She "held heaven" in her body and in her soul. She loved God and kept His commandments. We can be like her if we put only good things into our hearts and souls. We should put all the good things of the Church into our "cup", our minds and hearts. *(Ask you favorite VBS kid about the today's "cup" lesson.)*

THE CHIRSTIAN DIFFERENCE

The Christian is different because he is "in Christ". He walks with Christ every day. St. Peter wrote about the Christians saying, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous life."

FPO – FOR PARENTS ONLY

Many thanks to the parents who encouraged their children's participation in this year's VBS. Our prayer for you is that you may guide your children through prayer and lead them by your example each moment of your daily life.

Special thanks to the teachers, kitchen helpers, teens, and all the helping hands.

Have a great summer!