








An Answer Key (Parent Requested)





New to Orthodoxy? Rusty on your Troparia? No worries! Got you covered. Use this answer key to learn and grow.

	<p>January 6 (19) Theophany</p>	<p>Troparion When thou, O Lord was baptized in the Jordan...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! Depicts the first time the Holy Trinity shows itself.</p>	<p>About... Christ stands in the Jordan River...</p>
	<p>February 2 (15) Presentation of our Lord</p>	<p>Troparion Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God,...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! We see two very old people waiting...</p>	<p>About... St. Joseph is shown of the extreme left...</p>
	<p>March 25 (April 7) Annunciation</p>	<p>Troparion Today is the beginning of our salvation...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! A special visitor surprises the Theotokos.</p>	<p>About... Angel Gabriel points to Mary...</p>



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 <p style="text-align: center;">-ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM- IC XC</p>	<p>Sunday before Pascha Palm Sunday</p>	<p>Troparion O, Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! Only icon that includes children</p>	<p>About... Christ is seated on a donkey</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">RESURRECTION</p>	<p>First Sunday after the Spring Equinox after Passover Pascha: The Resurrection of Our Lord</p>	<p>Troparion Christ is Risen from the dead...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! Icon includes Adam and Eve.</p>	<p>About... Christ is robed in white... Adam and Eve...</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">ASCENSION</p>	<p>40 days after Pascha - Ascension</p>	<p>Troparion Thou hast ascended in glory...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! Disciples and Theotokos are looking up towards the Heavens.</p>	<p>About... Christ is the central figure as he ascends...</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">PENTECOST</p>	<p>50 days after Pascha - Pentecost or The Descent of the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Troparion Blessed art Thou O Christ our God, who when Thou has made the fishermen most wise...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! Fire and wind are part of this icon.</p>	<p>About... The disciples are gathered in the Upper Room.</p>

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 <p style="text-align: center;">TRANSFIGURATION</p>	<p>August 6 (19) Transfiguration of our Lord</p>	<p>Troparion Thou wast transfigured on the mount...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! We see three disciples rolling down the mountain.</p>	<p>About... Christ is the central figure he is robed in white... Disciples...</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">DORMITION</p>	<p>August 15 (28) Dormition of the Theotokos</p>	<p>Troparion In giving birth thou didst preserve virginity, and in thy dormition</p>	<p>Fun Fact! Someone gets his hand cut off.</p>	<p>About... The Theotokos is depicted upon the funeral bier.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS</p>	<p>September 8 (21) Nativity of the Theotokos</p>	<p>Troparion Thy nativity, O Virgin...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! The Theotokos appears twice in this icon.</p>	<p>About... St. Anna is the central figure.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">ELEVATION OF THE CROSS</p>	<p>September 14 (27) Elevation of the Cross</p>	<p>Troparion O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! There are people from both the 4th & 7th centuries.</p>	<p>About... The central figure is St. Makarios holding the cross.</p>

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	<p>November 21 (December 4) Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</p>	<p>Troparion Today is the prelude of the good will of God...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! The Theotokos is age 3 in this icon.</p>	<p>About... St. Joachim & Anna present the Theotokos</p>
	<p>December 25 (Jan 7) Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ</p>	<p>Troparion Thy Nativity, O Christ our God...</p>	<p>Fun Fact! Only Feast Day icon that includes Satan.</p>	<p>About... In the center of the icon we see the infant Christ...</p>

Forehead FUN!

Compete in two teams or play for fun with a group. Shuffle the 13 icon cards (or use the name cards). Without looking at the card, a player holds the card up to their forehead, their team or the group describes it or acts it out for the person to guess what Feast Day it is. If you choose to act it out, no words are allowed, think charades.

FUN-O!

This game can be played with 2-4 players. Deal 7 cards (5 if playing with little people) per person. The balance of the deck is placed in the middle of the table as stock, one card is flipped over to create a starter pile. Much like Uno, each player plays one card face up on the starter pile. The card must match the color or the category. If you do not have a color or category, you must draw a card. Play it if you can or pass if you must. The object of the game is to be the first person to get rid of all your cards in your hand. Have FUN-O!

Takes on Trivia

Everyone loves trivia, here are a variety of ways to play Feast Day FUN! Trivia. Split into teams and let the FUN! begin.

Create a tic-tac-toe board on your chalk/dry erase board. Each team takes a turn answering a trivia question. If they answer correctly, they place their X or O on the game board. If not, the other team can attempt to answer their question, and they still get their next turn!

Create a Jeopardy board on your chalk/dry erase board with categories at the top and points (instead of money) underneath, like this:

Icon	Date	Fun Fact!	Troparion	About the Icon
100	100	100	100	100
200	200	200	200	200
300	300	300	300	300
400	400	400	400	400

Trivia questions:

Icon – show the icon, have the player identify the feast day.

Date – show the date, and ask which feast is celebrated on that date. Or ask when the feast is celebrated, and let the player tell you the date.

Fun Fact! – Put the fun fact into a question, asking which feast day this occurred.

Troparion – Sing the Troparion or read the words and have the player identify the

About the Icon – There is a lot of opportunity here, you may use the cards to craft questions, use the questions that follow or create your own questions.

Feast Day Trivia Questions

- What is the first day of the church new year? *September 1st*
- What priest greeted Mary when she was presented to the church? *Zachariah*
- What is the last feast day of the church year? *Dormition*
- Which Roman Emperor made Christianity legal? *Emperor Constantine*
- What feast day do Orthodox Christians say is the beginning of our salvation? *Annunciation*
- How many days after Pascha do we celebrate Ascension? *40*
- Who are the pious parents of the Theotokos? *Joachim and Anna*
- Who were the three men who followed the star to Bethlehem? *Magi or Wise Men*
- Where are the disciples gathered in the Feast Day icon of Pentecost? *Same Upper Room where they shared the Last Supper*
- When Christ was presented to the church who was waiting in the church to see the salvation of all people? *Simeon and Anna*
- Who is the Patriarch of Jerusalem who elevated the cross for all the people to see in the icon of the Elevation of the Cross? *Macarius*
- Why is there a scroll on a stand in the Annunciation icon? *Reminds us of the OT prophecy of Isaiah, "a virgin shall bear a child"*
- How old was the Theotokos when she was presented to the temple? *Three years old*
- What plant was growing where the three crosses were found buried? *Sweet smelling basil*
- Who did the angels first reveal the good news of Christ's birth to? *Shepherds watching their flock*
- What does Mary have in her hand in the Annunciation icon? a *spool of woolen yarn* Why? *Mary will give flesh and blood to clothe Christ, like the sheep give their wool to clothe us*
- How many days after Pascha do we celebrate Pentecost? *50*
- Who baptizes Christ in the Jordan? *John the Baptist*

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- How do we believe Satan is tempting Joseph in the Nativity icon? *Doubting the virgin birth*
- In this feast day icon all of the disciples (except Thomas) were present? *Dormition of the Theotokos*
- In this feast day icon, children climb trees and wave branches singing “Hosanna in the highest.” *Palm Sunday*

Feast Day FUN! for little people

Do you have children who do not read yet? No problem.

Go Feast (as described on the enclosed instruction sheet) can be played dealing fewer cards for little hands and using colors only. This game could easily be played with 2-6 or more little people.

Player 1, “Do you have a red card?”

Player 2, “No, Go Feast!”