



## Discussion Questions

### Ages 13 and under

#### Icebreaker:

- 1) What is your favorite food ever?
- 2) What is your favorite church holiday?
- 3) Who is your favorite saint? Why?

#### Discussion:

- 1) What is Halloween? Why is it celebrated around the world?
- 2) Should we celebrate Halloween as Orthodox Christians? Why or why not?
- 3) As Orthodox Christians, what is our purpose in this world?
  - a) What are the outcomes of following our Lord's commands?
- 4) Read Ephesians 5:11 aloud and discuss what this verse means and how it relates to Halloween.
  - a) "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

### Ages 14-17

#### Icebreaker:

- 1) What is one thing you like to do when you have free time?
- 2) What do you look forward to when you attend church?
- 3) Who is your favorite saint? Why?

#### Discussion:

- 1) From what you learned during the presentation or from prior knowledge, explain why Halloween is celebrated.
- 2) Should Christians celebrate Halloween? Why or why not?
- 3) As Orthodox Christians, what is our purpose in this world?
  - a) What are the outcomes of following our Lord's commands?
- 4) Read 2 Corinthians 6:14 aloud and discuss the importance of this verse in relation to Halloween.
  - a) "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

## Ages 18+

### Icebreaker:

- 1) What is your biggest hope for the future?
- 2) Has the pandemic affected your spiritual life positively or negatively? Explain.
- 3) Who is your favorite saint? Why?

### Discussion:

- 1) From what you learned during the presentation or from prior knowledge, explain why Halloween is celebrated.
- 2) We know that when we celebrate Halloween, we are obeying the world over our Father. What are the consequences of obeying the world rather than obeying our Lord?
  - a) With worldly desires being a continuous struggle, for all Christians, what are some ways to overcome them?
  - b) What are the outcomes of following our Lord's commands?
- 3) As Orthodox Christians, what is our purpose in this world?
- 4) Read Ephesians 6:12 and discuss why we should abide by this verse in the world today.
  - a) "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."