



## THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

The purpose of the Elementary Oratorical program is to offer children the opportunity to express their feelings about their Faith and Church, as well as to gain confidence and self-esteem. In addition, it provides an incentive to children for later participation in the Junior and Senior Divisions.

The basic differences between the elementary and the Junior and Senior divisions are:

1. The elementary is strictly a local program.
2. There is no judging.
3. The topics are modest but invite creativity: Jesus, Prayer, Icons, etc.
4. It is designed to fit easily into the Sunday Church School program, with flexible topics that coincide with the curriculum.
5. To make it even more interesting, consider having some classes sign a song or re-enact a Parable or a Bible story.

What are the rules?

- Encourage all children to participate. Teachers and parents should assist the children in choosing a topic. Children will present their talks at the parish Oratorical program.
- Each talk should last 30–90 seconds. However, strict timing should not be observed. For instance, one child may offer only two or three sentences, and another may offer considerably more. Also, if a child feels more comfortable using an icon, picture or poster as part of the talk, this is permissible.

Some suggested topics:

- The Cross
- My Church
- My Family
- Prayer
- Church School
- My Favorite Icon
- Jesus Christ
- Helping Others
- A Smile
- The Bible
- Love
- Being Kind
- Lighting a Candle

**ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL  
PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please complete this form on-line by going to [www.religioused.goarch.org](http://www.religioused.goarch.org) and then following the links to the **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** and to **Speaker Registration Form**. Be sure you have a copy of this year's Oratorical Festival Topics and Topic Tips, as well as Instructions for Writing Your Speech. You are only permitted to participate in one category.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Parish \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Priest \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail of Parish Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Metropolis that your Parish is in \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY:** Speech \_\_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_\_ Poetry \_\_\_\_\_  
(Choose one)

**DIVISION:** Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

**Topic Number:** 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

