

TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2016 BIBLE BOWL RULES

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Preparation

The suggested reading for this years' Bible Bowl is "The Gospel according to St. John." The Orthodox Study Bible is book of choice and is readily available to borrow or purchase

Operation

Those parishioners who are interested in participating would form teams of three people and alternates, if desired. The teams of three persons would be seated at individual tables in the hall. They would be given a pencil and a small pad of paper on which to write their answers to the questions. Behind them would be seated a monitor to accept the three answers and tally the results. The score will range from zero to three. It will be recorded by the official score keepers and eventually totaled up to the final score at the end of the first and second sessions. Each team must quickly answer the question within a specified time frame (in 10 seconds), before the time keeper rings the bell. At half time, any alternates that want to participate can be substituted on the team.

Attachment I Bible Bowl Rules - July 2013

Participants

Two classes of teams can participate: teenagers and adults.

- Teenagers: ages 13 – 19 are eligible (exceptions made)
- Adults: ages 20 and older are eligible

To participate, each team must have three team members.

- The team may have one or two alternates to enter at the halfway point of the Bible Bowl (which is the first hour of two total)
- At least one team member must stay for the entire competition.

Questions

All questions will come directly from the assigned text. All Biblical texts will come from *The Orthodox Study Bible*. You may borrow on from the Church if needed.

- Those wishing to gain more insight into the biblical text may use the footnotes in *The Orthodox Study Bible*. However, the questions will not come from the footnotes.
- The questions asked may be phrased as multiple choice, fill in the blank, true and false or yes and no.
- These questions will be asked in a way that can be answered with one word or at most, a short phrase.
- Sample questions will be provided.

Question Format

All teams will be expected to answer all questions during the bowl using the following format:

- Each participant will receive a pencil and a small pile of papers on which to record their individual answer to the Bible Bowl questions.
- The test question will be read twice.
- Each team has 10 seconds to answer the question, after which the timekeeper will ring a bell, and all participants will hand their separate answers to their monitor sitting behind them.
- *When a team is asked for an oral answer, the team members may confer among themselves to arrive at the single team answer.*
- As one team confers to give their oral answer, team members on all other teams will individually write down their answer. *Teams giving written answers **may not** confer.*
- A round is completed when all teams have been asked to answer an ORAL question. The number of rounds in the bowl are determined by the number of teams participating and the time allotted.
- For at least the first hour, each team will be asked to give an oral answer to the question.
- In the second hour, oral questions may continue, or as a means of saving time they may all be written with no oral questions.
- One and one-half hours should be considered the normal amount of time for a complete Bible Bowl, but should not exceed 2 hours.

Example: When a question is asked, the team asked the question would arrive at one oral answer from the entire team. While this is happening, all other participants will be writing down their individual answer on their own private sheet. At a signal from the timekeeper (usually a bell), the team asked the oral question would give its answer by one of the members. The monitor will compile the number of correct answers and this number will be announced by the monitor.

Scoring Points

A correct ORAL answer will count for 3 points. An incorrect ORAL answer will count for ZERO points.

- Teams giving written answers will be awarded one (1) point for each correct written answer.
- The total number of points awarded to a team for both oral and written will determine the final team scores.

Tie Breaker

In the event that a tie should occur, a tiebreaker question will be conducted, as there will be only one adult and one teen team winner.

Judges

Three (3) judges will be assigned from members of the clergy or other individuals selected by the Bible Bowl Coordinator of this event that are qualified to judge the text.

- All answers will come from the assigned text.
- Participants have a right to challenge the answer, but the final decision is in the hands of the three judges once they review the challenge against the actual text as found in the Orthodox Study Bible.
- The Judges are the sole authority on whether the answer is correct or not correct. Should the judges feel there is a discrepancy in the text, such that the question was misleading and confusing they will direct that question, and its answer, not be used and another question be substituted.

Timekeeper

The timekeeper starts the clock running upon completion of the question being asked for the second time.

- The timekeeper shall signal when the answering time is up.
- Ten (10) seconds will be allowed to answer a question. At this time, the written answers will be given to the monitor, and the team asked the oral question will be required to give their answer.

Monitors

One monitor is assigned to each team to check their answers and give the combined score for that team.

- The monitor is the spokes-person in the event a question needs to be asked to the judges.
- It is the responsibility of the monitor to ensure that each team member is doing his or her own work, i.e. to make sure no one sees the other team member's written answer.

Scorekeepers

There are two official score keepers and two scoreboard keepers.

- The two official score keepers will keep individual and cumulative running scores of each team's total using an official scorecard in an Excel spread sheet.
- They will record the score of each team for each question as tabulated and announced by the monitors.
- A cumulative score for each team will be recorded on two white boards, one for the adults and one for the teens, by the scoreboard keepers .
- The white boards will be placed on each side of the room in clear view of the audience.

This event is to be enjoyable. It is a way to study, learn and teach one another about the Bible. We all should take it seriously as many hours will be spent studying for it.

Attachment II

2016 BIBLE BOWL REGISTRATION FORM
ADULT AND TEEN TEAMS

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

___ **YES**, we will have an Adult team this year (list the members)–select a team captain. Your Email please.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. Alternates: _____

___ **YES**, we will have a Teen team this year (list the members) – select a team captain. Your Email please.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. Alternates: _____

Please Return this form by March 15, 2016 to:

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