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Delivery & Differentiation

SAINT SERGIUS SCHOOL

Lesson Purpose
Students learn that martyrs are faithful witnesses to Christ, whose courage rests in love and the Resurrection.

Early Learners: Jesus loves us; tell the truth, be kind, ask adults for help.
Elementary: Explain martyr, witness, confession, and Stephen's forgiveness.
Older Students: Distinguish biblical witness from traditional hagiography.

Safety Safeguard
Children must not seek danger, provoke persecution, or remain in unsafe situations. Seek trusted adult help.

Activity Guidance
Discuss safe, wise, loving responses to each scenario. Younger learners may draw or dictate; provide separate paper.

Teaching Control
Present Nestor and Lyaeus as the Church's traditional account. Avoid graphic violence.

Main Point
A martyr is a faithful witness to Christ. Because Christ is risen, Christians can live with courage and hope.

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Answer Key & Resource Control

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Teacher Answer Key

1. A Christian saint from Thessalonica.
2. He confessed Christ during persecution.
3. Witness; a Christian faithful through suffering or death.
4. Nestor received Demetrius's blessing and overcame Lyaeus, according to Church tradition.
5. The first martyr; he prayed for those who harmed him.
6. Christ conquered death in His Resurrection.
7. Honesty, kindness, prayer, forgiveness, safe help for others.

Reflection: Answers vary.

Resource Control

The Law of God, Part I, Chapter 13; Part III, Chapter 57.

Scripture: Matthew 10:32; Acts 6–7; Romans 8:35–39.

Orthodox Sources: OCA Lives of St. Demetrius and St. Nestor; Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada, Great Martyr Demetrios.

Distinguish Scripture from Church tradition. Avoid glorifying violence.

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