



# Saint Emmelia Ministries

Orthodox Christian Homeschooling

*Inspire, equip, unite, and educate  
Orthodox Christian Homeschool families*



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## *So you're thinking about homeschooling...*

God bless you in this difficult but beautiful decision! In this document, we've compiled some resources to help you think through this decision and to get started.

### **Discussions on homeschooling:**

<https://youtu.be/XJsgjvPmUto>

Sh. Shell Keim - Homeschooling 101 (SEM online conference 2021)

<https://youtu.be/arruEPAjp-k>

"Getting Started" workshop (SEM online conference 2020)

<https://youtu.be/199iRSYSL68>

Kh. Elizabeth Bushelli - Homeschooling 101 (SEM online conference 2020)

### **Curriculum:**

One of the most important things to consider is **what** you will teach your children. There is a lot of curriculum out there, and it can be overwhelming to know how to begin to sort through it all! The links below may be a good starting point.

<https://www.saintemmelia.com/curriculum-reviews>

<https://www.saintemmelia.com/educational-philosophies>

### **Other considerations:**

- Most importantly, pray. Pray for wisdom, God's guidance, and the necessary resources. The Theotokos is called "the Nurturer of Children," St. Emmelia is the patron saint of mothers, and St. Tatiana is the patron saint of students. St. Katherine, the Three Holy Hierarchs, and St. Justin Martyr are also excellent intercessors in matters of wisdom and learning.
- There are many questions to consider such as:
  - What are the specific needs of your child/ren? How will you account for learning challenges?
  - Who will be the primary educator?
  - What are local resources for supplementing your homeschooling, such as co-ops, museums, monasteries, youth orchestras/choirs/theatre companies?
  - Where will you homeschool? (e.g., dining room table, dedicated school area, etc.)
- Different districts and states (or countries!) have different requirements and attitudes towards homeschooling. Some places are even openly hostile to school choice. This organization supports homeschoolers in legal issues: <https://hslida.org/>
- This document offers additional resources that may help you as a make a decision: [Orthodox Homeschooling Resources](#)