



## The Official “Share The Light Sunday” Checklist

2016 Share the Light Sunday Kickoff is January 17, 2016!

All Parishes are encouraged to hold a Share the Light Sunday on our kick off date, but can hold one on any date throughout the year. Look below to see how your parish can participate!

- ✚ **Select a Share the Light Sunday Ambassador!** This person will be the “face” of Share the Light Sunday. Then, **form a committee** of three or four people to coordinate the event. Have the committee chair **announce the upcoming Sunday** two weeks prior to the event.
- ✚ **Announce Share the Light Sunday in your Church Bulletin**
- ✚ **Print and read the 2016 Share the Light Encyclical**, which is available for download at [www.myocn.net](http://www.myocn.net)
- ✚ **Have your priest or ambassador prepare a special talk** on that day highlighting the need for an Orthodox Christian presence in today’s modern media.
- ✚ **Pass a tray during the Sunday Divine Liturgy for OCN, or host a fundraising luncheon for OCN.** Your donation to OCN will designate your community as a Share the Light Parish, and will receive media and resources from our ministry throughout the year. As the tray is passed, remind the faithful the importance of using the media for a positive purpose— a **national media outreach** for Orthodoxy in America.
- ✚ **Connect several computers to [www.myocn.net](http://www.myocn.net) during coffee hour to familiarize parishioners with the OCN site.** Show parishioners how they can Listen, Read, Watch, Learn, and Interact with the best in Orthodoxy!
- ✚ **Encourage your Parish Youth Ministry team of teachers, advisors, and volunteers to use OCN programming to teach the children in your parish.** Each week we can send you a free edition of “The Children’s Word”, an 8.5 x 14 page featuring crossword puzzles, icons and Gospel lessons for youth, which can be downloaded and printed so that you can insert it into your Church Bulletins each Sunday.
- ✚ **Take pictures of what your church did to celebrate Share the Light Sunday** and send them to [info@myocn.net](mailto:info@myocn.net). We may feature you on our website and Facebook page!
- ✚ **Add us to your church web site under “Orthodox Links”!** Once you have sent in your collection, we will send you a special banner ad for your church website.

**It is the goal of OCN that every Orthodox Church in America becomes a Share the Light Parish. This means that congregations of 150 families or more should set a goal of an annual gift of \$1000. Parishes of less than 150 families should set a goal of \$5 per family per year as their goal for this Sunday effort.**