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*Saint Mark's Church
Sunday School*

The Heroes of Faith: Pope Cyril I & the Council of Ephesus Code: 11/SA/1

1. General Aims of the unit

To celebrate the life of St. Cyril the pillar of faith, his saintly life, contribution to keep the faith of the Church in large and his contribution to the council of Ephesus

2. Special aims of the lesson

1. Cover the main parts of his life, specially the pivotal parts which created his great zeal in defending the nature of Christ.
2. Explore his theology about the nature of Christ and calling St. Mary the “Theotokos” and his contribution to the third ecumenical council.
3. Shed light on his very strong stand against Nestorius and his continuous fight against his heresy.
4. Summarize the accusations against him.
5. Shed light on his writings

3. Outcomes:

By the end of this lessons the teens are able to:

1. Remember by heart the pivotal segments in the life of St. Cyril I
2. Analyse the contribution of St Cyril to the true faith of the universal Church in our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Define the term “Theotokos” and its relation to Christ
4. Summarize his writings specially his comments on the books of the bible

4. Verses :

Luke 1:35, 42-43; John 1:14; 3:13; Rev. 1:17-18

5. References :

1. Attached Notes

1. St. Cyril Coptic Encyclopaedia
2. Local notes about St. Cyril