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Regional Level
Stony Point Region
Grades 1-2

(1) I Will Always be Ready and Alert

1. Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner and Martyr (Synaxarium Tout 2nd)

Direction: Dear Servants, please ask each child the following questions. Make sure to read each part of the question **SEPARATELY**. And allow the child to answer after each part.

1) Why do we call Saint John the Forerunner?

Possible Answers:

❖ Saint John started his ministry (service) before the Lord Jesus started His ministry. He did this to prepare the way for the Lord. That is why we call him the Forerunner (the one who comes before another). [Pg13]

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2) Why did the Lord Christ call Saint John the greatest among those born of women?

Possible Answers:

❖ The Lord Christ Himself called Saint John the greatest among those born of women. Saint John himself lived a life of readiness and he kept all of God's commandments until the end of his life. Even when the king wanted to break God's commandment, Saint John bravely rebuked the king. [pg14]

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2. The Rites of our Beautiful Church and their Benefits

Direction: Dear Servants, please ask each child the following questions. Make sure to read each part of the question SEPARATELY. And allow the child to answer after each part.

1) Why does the church organize its prayers and everything inside it very carefully?

Possible Answers:

- ❖ Because the church is the house of God, and God is not the author of confusion but of peace, the church organizes its prayers and everything inside it very carefully. [pg18]

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2. How does the appearance of the Church change at the end of Good Friday?

Possible Answers:

- ❖ At the end of Good Friday (at the 12th hour), since the Church is rejoicing over the redemption our Lord Jesus offered to us, the appearance of the Church changes. The black curtains are replaced with beautiful white ones embellished with a picture of the Resurrection. White flags are hung on the columns and the mangaliahs (podiums). (pg21)

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3. St. Athanasius the Defender of the Faith

(Synexarium Bashans 7th)

Direction: Dear Servants, please ask each child the following questions. Make sure to read each part of the question **SEPARATELY**. And allow the child to answer after each part. Give FULL credit if it was worded differently.

1. After the departure of Pope Alexandros, what happened to St. Athanasius?

Possible Answers:

- ❖ After the departure of Pope Alexandros to Heaven, **Saint Athanasius was chosen to be the Pope.** Pope Athanasius became the 20th Pope of the See of Saint Mark. [pg32]

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2. When people told St. Athanasius that the world was against him, how would he answer them?

Possible Answers:

He would answer them and say **“And I am against the world.”** [pg29]

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4. Ruth and Her Service to Her Mother-In-Law (Ruth 1-4)

Direction: Dear Servants, please ask each child the following questions. Make sure to read each part of the question **SEPARATELY**. And allow the child to answer after each part. Give **FULL** credit if it was worded differently.

1. What made Ruth leave her land and her family and travel to a foreign country with Naomi?

Possible Answers:

- ❖ Ruth, out of **her great love for** her mother-in-law **Naomi**, refused to leave her. She stayed with her. She wanted **to serve Naomi** for the rest of her life. Ruth knew that Naomi was an old woman and that she had no one **to help her**. [Pg38]

Another Possible Answers:

- ❖ Ruth's **great love for Naomi** is what made her leave her land and family and travel to a foreign country **to help and serve Naomi**.

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2. How did Ruth bring food for herself and her mother-in-law?

Possible Answers:

- ❖ Ruth asked her mother-in-law for permission to **go and pick up some of the wheat that the reapers left behind in the fields**, so that she can have a little food for herself and her mother-in-law. [pg39]

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5. The Story of the Heroes of Our Glorious Church Saint Stephen the Archdeacon and First Martyr (Acts 6-7)

Direction: Dear Servants, please ask each child the following questions. Make sure to read each part of the question **SEPARATELY**. And allow the child to answer after each part.

1. Why did it become important to have more servants to help the disciples? How many men did the disciples ask the people to pick? What did the men had to be known for? *(Please allow answering the first part of the question then asking the second part. Thanks)*

Possible Answers:

- ❖ Day-after-day, the number of believers multiplied and the service spread. It became important to have more servants to help the disciples serve the needy believers.
 - ❖ The disciples asked the believers to pick seven men of good reputation.
 - ❖ They had to be known for being full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help the disciples serve the needy [Pg45,46]
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2. What do we call St. Stephen? In which book of the Bible can we find St. Stephen's story?

Possible Answers:

- ❖ Saint Stephen the Archdeacon and First Martyr.
 - ❖ Acts 6-7 [Pg45]
- **Give full credit for the Bolded/ Underline words.*