**Food Pantry Sunday**

Food Pantry Sunday is a church school wide charitable event offering students and their families the opportunity to donate food and necessities to the Northfield Food Pantry. The project takes place over the course of two weeks:

- **First week – Bag Distribution**
  - students are given brown grocery bags, which they are to take home and bring back the following Sunday filled with groceries for the food pantry.
  - In younger grades, children can decorate their bags during class with Christian images.

- **Second week – Collection (Food Pantry Sunday)**
  - Teachers are encouraged to focus the lesson on how Christ calls us all to feed the hungry.
  - Sometimes Food Pantry Sunday, coincides with the Gospel reading of the Parable of the Sheep and Goats, so that teachers have an immediate reference for Christ’s command to feed the hungry.
  - Food Pantry Sunday might also coincide with International Orthodox Christian Charities “Souper Bowl” Sunday, an event geared toward supporting local food pantries and soup kitchens.

Grocery bags are provided by Church School and should be delivered to the classroom by the Food Pantry Sunday Chairperson either the Sunday before or prior to the start of church school on Food Pantry Sunday.