

## More than 70 per cent of Russians in favour of teaching Orthodox culture in schools

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*Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra in the early 20th century.*

Moscow (AsiaNews/Agencies) – Almost **70 per cent** of Russians are in favour of the introduction of a course titled ‘Foundations of Orthodox culture’ in the country’s school curriculum, this according to a survey by Levada Center conducted in 46 regions of the Russian Federation.

Teaching Russian Orthodoxy in Russian primary and middle schools has been an openly debated issue since the Education Ministry announced a pilot project on ‘spiritual-moral training’. The latter will include 20,000 classes in 12,000 schools, with around 256,000 children and 44,000 teachers. However, the course will not be restricted to Russian Orthodoxy, but will include the foundations of Islam, Judaism and Buddhism (in accordance with the pupils’ choice), focusing on the foundations

of religious culture, traditional religions and public ethics.

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