

GRADE AND MAIN THEME OF YEAR	<p style="text-align: center;">1 GOD THE FATHER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who He is; His Nature, Attributes and commandments. What He does. Doctrine Response to God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 GOD THE SON JESUS CHRIST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who He is; His nature, Attributes and gifts. What He does. Doctrine Response to Christ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who He is: His nature, Attributes and gifts. What He does. Doctrine Response to the Spirit.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4 CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community Doctrine History Administration Architecture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 WORSHIP AND PRAYER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meaning Purpose Benefits Methods</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6 LITURGY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meaning Purpose Structure Participation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7 SACRAMENTS AND OTHER SERVICES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meaning Purpose Structure Participation</p>	
<p>GRADE 1: ME AND MY WORLD</p> <p>The focus of grade one is on creation as God's gift. God has made the world and everything in it as an example of His love and goodness. As the child discovers the world around him, the child understands that family, friends, church, school and all things come from God. Through the daily experience of God's world, the child understands that God is real, loving and caring. The child's faith in God is awakened and is expressed through prayer, worship and thanks.</p>	<p>God is Creator, Everything comes from God: angels people, stars, earth, animals and plants. God is our Father—loving, and caring. All creation is good. Creation is a gift because of God's love which He shares with us. God wants us to be happy, to do good things, and enjoy His gift of creation.</p>	<p>God's greatest gift is His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is Savior, Lord, God, Friend and Leader. Jesus grew as a child. Jesus' disciples were fishermen. Jesus shared the bread with men, women and children in the countryside. We receive Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus lives in every person who loves Him and obeys Him.</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is God's power which "hovers" over creation and renews creation. The Holy Spirit gives life and energy to everything. The Holy Spirit helps us to discover, create, and do good.</p>	<p>We belong to the Orthodox Church and are Orthodox Christians. The Church as a building in which we pray and worship God. The Church is the people who believe in and belong to God. The Church is like a family, God's people, made up of the Archbishop, bishops, priests, parents, grandparents, and children. As the Orthodox Church we discover God's love and hope to help others.</p>	<p>We pray and sing to God to show our love and thanks for all things. By worshipping regularly, we discover that God is close to us and blesses us. By praying daily, we discover that God lives in our hearts. Prayer gives us strength to do good things and to avoid temptations and bad things.</p>	<p>In the Liturgy we are like angels praying and singing to God. In the Liturgy we remember Jesus, what He taught and did; and His death and Resurrection. We receive Holy Communion and blessed bread (antidoron). We learn how to receive Holy Communion.</p>	<p>In Baptism, a person becomes a new Christian. In Baptism, Jesus becomes our Savior and lives in us. In Baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit. In Baptism we discover that as Christians we belong to Christ and are united with Christ.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">8 PRAYERS AND HYMNS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Actual Prayers Actual Hymns</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 SAINTS, FEAST AND CYCLES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meaning Witness Relevance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 SCRIPTURE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Gospel The role of Scripture in the Orthodox Church Persons, events and salvation history Passages Biblical skills</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11 TRADITION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Importance of Tradition Liturgical acts outside of the Sacraments Iconography Customs Symbols</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 CHRISTIAN FAMILY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meaning Purpose Way of Life and values Praying and working together Joys and responsibilities Customs and traditions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13 ETHICS AND SPIRITUALITY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doctrine of personhood; Theosis: image and likeness; Mystical union; new creation; Lie in Christ; fruit of the Spirit. Faith, repentance, fasting and good works. Divine grace and free will Christian values Sin and forgiveness Evil, suffering and death</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14 SERVICE AND MISSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gifts and talents Ministries Vocations, jobs and professions Witness Evangelism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15 OTHER FAITHS, SOCIETY AND WORLD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christian Ecumenism Other Living Religions Social Issues and Problems Justice and Peace Recreation and Entertainment Ecology Apologetics</p>
	<p>The Lord's Prayer. A morning prayer. An evening prayer. A prayer before meals. A prayer after meals. "Those who have been baptized into Christ" "We praise you"</p>	<p>Thanksgiving: We thank God for blessings, and help hungry persons. Christmas: Birth of Christ and receiving the gift of Christ. Theophany: Baptism of Jesus and His revelation to the world. Annunciation: Good News of coming of Christ as Savior. Palm Sunday: Receiving Christ as Lord and King. Easter: Resurrection and new life.</p>	<p>Stories of Creation (Gen. 1-2). Story of Noah Annunciation Birth of Jesus Presentation in Temple Baptism of Jesus Jesus as boy at the Temple Jesus heals a boy Jesus prays Jesus feeds multitude Jesus enters Jerusalem The Risen Jesus appears to Mary Magdelene.</p>	<p>The sign of the Cross. Light a candle. Reverence icons. Icons of Annunciation, Birth of Christ, Presentation in the Temple, etc., depicting events in the life of Jesus on which the lessons focus. Make offerings to Church. Palms Forty-day blessing.</p>	<p>The family, a gift from God. Members of my family are my best friends. As we pray together, love each other, and help each other, we discover that Christ is among us and lives in our family. There are difficulties in the family, but God helps us.</p>	<p>Human beings were created good to do good. Sometimes we do wrong things but we can ask forgiveness from God and from those we hurt and say, "I am sorry." When tempted to do a wrong thing we can think of Jesus and pray to Him to help us do good. Look to Jesus as Friend, Helper and Leader. We take care of our souls and bodies as wonderful gifts of God.</p>	<p>God gave us our hands, feet, voice, eyes and mind to do good. Serving at home by helping father and mother. As we play and share with others, we discover God's love and joy. As followers, of Christ, we help the poor and those in need. We tell others about Jesus. We tell others about our Church.</p>	<p>Love of all God's creation. Every person is a child of God. Respect for other persons, their families, religion, traditions, and property. Treat animals, birds, and plants with kindness. Keep our bodies and souls healthy.</p>