

GRADE AND MAIN THEME OF YEAR	1 GOD THE FATHER Who He is; His Nature, Attributes and commandments. What He does. Doctrine Response to God	2 GOD THE SON JESUS CHRIST Who He is; His nature, Attributes and gifts. What He does. Doctrine Response to Christ	3 GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT Who He is: His nature, Attributes and gifts. What He does. Doctrine Response to the Spirit.	4 CHURCH Community Doctrine History Administration Architecture	5 WORSHIP AND PRAYER Meaning Purpose Benefits Methods	6 LITURGY Meaning Purpose Structure Participation	7 SACRAMENTS AND OTHER SERVICES Meaning Purpose Structure Participation	
GRADE 2: LOVING GOD Grade Two concentrates on the theme of loving God as the child's obedient response to God. Through the examples of men and women of the Old and New Testaments, as well as the examples of the Orthodox saints, the second grader begins to understand sin and forgiveness in the light of God's love. Through such examples, and through acts of worship and life, the child learns to respond to God with love and obedience – the foundations of morality.	God loved Adam and Eve but they disobeyed and lost their closeness with God; but God still loved them and protected them. Biblical examples of love and God, failures, and repentance. See under "Scripture" (Strand 10). God gave His Son – John 3:16.	Jesus is the greatest example of God's love for us. He came into the world to teach us how to love one another and to give His life for us. He was totally obedient to His Father and served God with all His heart. He taught that love of God and love of neighbor go together; even to love enemies and forgive from the Cross.	The greatest fruit/gift of the Holy Spirit is love. Gal. 5:22; 1Cor. 13. The Holy Spirit fills our heart with God's love and gives us the strength to love God and one another.	We love God's house and learn about it. E.g., altar, altar table, icons, censor, proskynetarion (veneration booths), etc. We love God's people and serve God and others, E.g., priest, chanter, choir, acolytes.	Simple methodology of prayer. Cross Kneeling Icon Prayerbook Attentiveness and respect.	The theme of love in the Liturgy: a) For God so loved the world... b) Let us love one another... c) May the love of God the Father...	Marriage as a Sacrament of love. Blessed by God. Love each other, e.g., Isaac and Rebecca. Family as house church where we learn to love each other. Priesthood as example of love and service to God.	
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	The Trisagion and Lord's Prayer Meal prayers. Prayerbook "We have seen the true light"/Idomen to Fos Hymn of the Patron Saint Prayer to Guardian Angel.	Exaltation of the Cross. Thanksgiving and other major feasts as above. St. Demetrios and other saints. Some aspects of Holy Week. St. John the Evangelist. St. Basil.	Old and New Testament examples of God's love and love for God. Jesus' ministry: In Temple a 12-year old Double commandment of love (God and neighbor). Beloved disciple. To Disciples: love one another... Love enemies. Gives His life for His friends. Promises to be with us always.	Icons of events and person related to lessons. Icons and votive light at home.	The Orthodox home has a family altar with icons, censor, votive light, holy water and prayer book. We talk about God's family, Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and the Saints, in our home. We love and help each other in the family. Mutual forgiveness.	Love God with all your heart, strength, mind and soul. Love of neighbor – Good Samaritan. It is not always easy to love others but when we love Jesus and we try, He helps us. Jesus taught that if we love Him, we should love others, too. Because we love, we forgive each other as we pray in the Lord's Prayer. Learn the First Commandment.	Examples of love of God in serving and helping: a) Church - acolytes, priest, choir, etc. b) Home – helping mother or father c) Neighborhood- being kind to others and respecting what belongs to them d) Giving to St. Basil's Academy e) Church mission program	Love of God leads us to be loving, respectful, and fair to those who are different or handicapped. Basic notions of justice and peace. Sharing. Christmas and Hanukkah. Songs in school. Examples of love are respect for plants, animals and creation.