

GRADE AND MAIN THEME OF YEAR	<p style="text-align: center;">1 GOD THE FATHER</p> <p>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>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>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>Community Doctrine History Administration Architecture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 WORSHIP AND PRAYER</p> <p>Meaning Purpose Benefits Methods</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6 LITURGY</p> <p>Meaning Purpose Structure Participation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7 SACRAMENTS AND OTHER SERVICES</p> <p>Meaning Purpose Structure Participation</p>	
<p>Grade 3: SHARING GOD'S WORLD</p> <p>In grade three, the emphasis shifts to the theme of sharing based on the life of the Church. As the third grader becomes open to the outside world and peer group relationships, he or she learns about God's people and their relationships in the Old and New Testaments, as well as in the history of the Church. Through study of the life of the Church, the child experiences sharing, giving, dialogue, and dealing with relational difficulties in a positive manner.</p>	<p>God blessed Adam and Eve and said to them: "Increase and multiply on the earth..." God called and blessed Abraham and said to him that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars. God sent Moses to liberate His people from Egypt. Israel in the wilderness. God's people come to the Promised Land. Purpose: Light to the nations; God's Name.</p>	<p>Jesus calls disciples and gathers many people around Him, both men and women. --the 12 disciples. --the 3 disciples (Peter, James and John) --the group of women disciples who followed Jesus and served Him. He shared with them His love, the Gospel, meals, teachings, and mission.</p>	<p>Pentecost as the birth of the Church when Holy Spirit comes upon the 120 followers of Jesus, including His mother, the 12 disciples, and others. The Holy Spirit gives power to preach, teach, and heal (see stories in Book of Acts). The Holy Spirit keeps the Church united, loving, sharing, and joyous (see Acts). Mission and growth.</p>	<p>Selection of stories from the Book of Acts on: a) The early days of the Church – sharing all things. b) The first persecution – Stephen the Deacon. c) Expansion to Gentiles through Peter and Paul d) Paul coming to Corinth and Thessalonica. Selections from Church History showing Bishop(s) and Presbyter(s). Know present-day Archbishop, Bishop and Priest.</p>	<p>EXAMPLES OF SHARING:</p> <p>Worship of God in the Old Testament: -Tabernacle -Temple -Sacrifices, gifts and offerings -Psalms</p> <p>Worship of God in the Church: -Liturgy/Communion -Vespers -Matins.</p>	<p>In the Liturgy, Jesus shares a meal with us as He shared it with His disciples. We share prayer, Holy Communion, the Antidoron, and other things. We pray for our Church leaders, for those who working the Church, and for those who help the poor. In the Liturgy we remember the communion of Saints.</p>	<p>The blessing of the Loaves as a sharing act. Vasilopeta as sharing act symbolic of helping the poor and needy. Blessing of the water as sanctification of Church and home. Holy Oil.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">8 PRAYERS AND HYMNS</p> <p>Actual Prayers Actual Hymns</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 SAINTS, FEAST AND CYCLES</p> <p>Meaning Witness Relevance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 SCRIPTURE</p> <p>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>Importance of Tradition Liturgical acts outside of the Sacraments Iconography Customs Symbols</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 CHRISTIAN FAMILY</p> <p>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>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>Gifts and talents Ministries Vocations, jobs and professions Witness Evangelism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15 OTHER FAITHS, SOCIETY AND WORLD</p> <p>Christian Ecumenism Other Living Religions Social Issues and Problems Justice and Peace Recreation and Entertainment Ecology Apologetics</p>
	<p>Hymn of Pentecost. A prayer of thanksgiving after Communion. Article of the Creed on the Church.</p>	<p>Feast of All Saints. Sunday of Orthodoxy, Pentecost. Pentecost Season. Transfiguration. Their own Patron Saint.</p>	<p>Biblical accounts related to stories and examples under Strands 1,2, 3 and 4. Memorization of appropriate verses.</p>	<p>Icons related to Biblical events and persons. Icons of Saints related to lessons. Kolyva. (Communion of Saints.) Holy Water as sharing and blessing of people of God and home. Blessing of the Loaves.</p>	<p>The Christian family as a small Church at home: --Parents --Children --Praying together --Eating together as image of Eucharist --Sharing joys, responsibilities and difficulties.</p>	<p>Aspects and examples of sharing at Church, home and other. Being patient with the faults of others and praying for them. Compassion and forgiveness toward others. Commandments that have to do with relation to others.</p>	<p>Story of Orthodox missionaries going to Africa to serve the Orthodox Church. A lesson on the Seminary, seminarians, and Orthodox students from other countries. We invite others to our Church.</p>	<p>The Orthodox Church rejects prejudice against people on the basis of race, color, sex, and wealth. Learning to say "no" to society and others who try to lead people to do wrong things, e.g., about personal matters, drugs, smoking, advertisements and such. Courage to make our own decisions.</p>