

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 5: RESPONDING TO GOD</p> <p>The fifth grade theme, Responding to God, concentrates on the stories of the heroes of the faith in Scripture and Tradition as examples of faith, loyalty, self-sacrifice, obedience, love, justice and social responsibility. Through the study of these great figures, the child learns to respond to God in terms of personal faith and the basics of Christian morality, the Ten Commandments and the teaching of Christ.</p>	<p>Story of Cain and Abel as two contrasting responses to God and reasons/motives behind them. Patriarchal stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Joshua and the Promised Land. Judges: Gideon, Deborah, Sampson. Prophets: Samuel, Elijah, Elisha. Later Old Testament figures: Ezra and Nehemiah.</p>	<p>Concentration on the events of Christ's Passion in conjunction with Lent and Holy Week. Last Supper Gethsemane Arrest and trial Reviling and scourging Crucifixion Resurrection Ascension Pentecost</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit working in the Prophets: Samuel, Elijah, and Elisha. The Holy Spirit working in the Apostles (Peter and Paul) and in the Church Fathers (St. Athanasios, St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom).</p>	<p>Examples from the seven Churches in Rev. 3-4. Cyril and Methodios bringing Orthodoxy to Slavs. St. Photios. St. Herman and St. Innocent bringing Orthodoxy to Alaska Our parents & grandparents who brought the Orthodox Faith to this city and this Church.</p>	<p>Worship as response to God. Simple explanation of Orthodox worship.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Involving total being. Communion with God. Participation in God's Kingdom. Difficulties and help in worship. 	<p>Elaboration of specific parts of the Liturgy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Petitions of Peace Cherubic Hymn Anaphora Prayer Communion and Thanksgiving after Communion "Shine in our hearts" – Priest's prayer before Gospel. Antiphon prayers 	<p>Ordination as response to God's calling and one example of other vocations in the service of God. Monastic vocation.</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>Review prayer of thanksgiving after Communion. Articles of the Creed on Christ. Learn Dismissal Hymns of Great Feasts: Christmas, Epiphany, Holy Cross, Transfiguration and Falling Asleep (Dormition) of the Theotokos. "Lord of Hosts"</p>	<p>Concentration on the lives of Athanasius, Basil and John Chrysostom. Holy Week in conjunction with events of Christ's Passion (see Strand 2). Lenten Triodion.</p>	<p>Teach children to read the Bible related to themes under Strands 1, 2, and 3. Read parts of the Book of Proverbs. Read parts of the book of Acts. The Book of Psalms as prayer response to God.</p>	<p>Icons related to lessons. The meaning and importance of wearing a Cross. Make Palm Crosses, or help decorate Epitaphios and cleaning Church during Holy Week. Taking icons to be blessed.</p>	<p>Lessons on Biblical families and families of Saints as examples of responses to God, for example, as related to Strands 1 and 9, drawing attention to difficulties, as well as positive aspects of family life. Lessons on Orthodox family participating in Holy Week Services; dyeing red eggs; bringing Easter light home and burning cross on door.</p>	<p>Learns the Ten Commandments and brief explanations. Teachings of Christ calling for faith response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Take up your Cross... Who do you say I am? Do you believe? <p>Concentration on virtues of faith, loyalty, sacrifice, honesty, love, and others. Love of God and love of neighbor.</p>	<p>Family philanthropic act, e.g., providing a turkey to family in need on Thanksgiving. Class service project in Parish, e.g., helping to clean grounds of Church. Personal act of inviting a friend to Orthodox Easter. Stewardship and stewards. Monasteries.</p>	<p>Befriending a classmate that others may shun or ridicule. Sharing a recreational activity with a school friend of another race, color, or religion.</p>