

GRADE AND MAIN THEME OF YEAR	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b> <b>GOD THE FATHER</b></p> <p>Who He is; His Nature, Attributes and commandments. What He does. Doctrine Response to God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b> <b>GOD THE SON</b> <b>JESUS CHRIST</b></p> <p>Who He is; His nature, Attributes and gifts. What He does. Doctrine Response to Christ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b> <b>GOD THE</b> <b>HOLY SPIRIT</b></p> <p>Who He is: His nature, Attributes and gifts. What He does. Doctrine Response to the Spirit.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> <b>CHURCH</b></p> <p>Community Doctrine History Administration Architecture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b> <b>WORSHIP AND PRAYER</b></p> <p>Meaning Purpose Benefits Methods</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b> <b>LITURGY</b></p> <p>Meaning Purpose Structure Participation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b> <b>SACRAMENTS</b> <b>AND OTHER SERVICES</b></p> <p>Meaning Purpose Structure Participation</p>	
<p><b>GRADE 8: SEEKING GOD</b></p> <p>Pilgrimage is the theme of the eighth grade, concentrating especially on the Old Testament. The eighth grader, as an adolescent continuing his or her search for identity, has sharper questions about religious teaching, childhood notions of God, and the interplay of good and evil in life. Through the study of the experiences of ancient Israel and how spiritual pilgrims in Scripture and Tradition searched for and found God, the eighth grader is able to clarify questions and find answers in his own pilgrimage.</p>	<p>God as Creator. The mystery of creation – the biblical and scientific evidence. Creation and Evolution. The Fall – what, why, and consequences. Job's search for God. God is a personal being who loves and sustains the world and humanity, and seeks to draw people into an appropriate relationship with Him.</p>	<p>Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One the Christ. "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus is fully human and fully divine God and Man.</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit inspiring and empowering the Judges, Prophets and Apostles. The convicting, judging and healing power of the Holy Spirit. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5). The Holy Spirit as revealer of truth (Spirit of Truth). Praying for the fullness of the Spirit in your personal life.</p>	<p>The Pilgrimage of the People of Israel: a bird's-eye view of history from the call of Abraham to the occupation of the Promised Land. Highlights of the struggles, temptations, and key issues in the search for God.</p>	<p>Old Testament worship. Prayer as inner pilgrimage. Jacob wrestling with the angel. The Way of a Pilgrim. The Jesus Prayer. The Psalms.</p>	<p>The Liturgy is a spiritual journey seeking God through all the senses. The Liturgy is a foretaste of the Promised Land – God's Kingdom. The Liturgy as "work of the people" (Leiturgia), requiring active participation and openness to God.</p>	<p>The sacraments as spiritual provisions in our earthly journey. Holy Confession Holy Communion Paraklesis</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b> <b>PRAYERS AND HYMNS</b></p> <p>Actual Prayers Actual Hymns</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b> <b>SAINTS, FEAST AND CYCLES</b></p> <p>Meaning Witness Relevance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b> <b>SCRIPTURE</b></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;"><b>11</b> <b>TRADITION</b></p> <p>Importance of Tradition Liturgical acts outside of the Sacraments Iconography Customs Symbols</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b> <b>CHRISTIAN FAMILY</b></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;"><b>13</b> <b>ETHICS AND SPIRITUALITY</b></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;"><b>14</b> <b>SERVICE AND MISSION</b></p> <p>Gifts and talents Ministries Vocations, jobs and professions Witness Evangelism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b> <b>OTHER FAITHS, SOCIETY AND WORLD</b></p> <p>Christian Ecumenism Other Living Religions Social Issues and Problems Justice and Peace Recreation and Entertainment Ecology Apologetics</p>
	<p>Holy, Holy, Holy (Is. 6). A study of the Lord's Prayer as a cry for the coming of the kingdom: "Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done." The Paraklesis Service.</p>	<p>The annual journey of festal cycles in the Calendar. Christmas Lent Great Lent Fast of the Apostles The Dormition Fast (Aug. 1-15) Menaia (Hymn book for each day of a particular month)</p>	<p>OT Passages highlighting the lives of the Patriarchs, the Slavery in Egypt, the Exodus, Wanderings in the Wilderness, Sinai, and the coming to the Promised Land. The Book of Job. The Psalms</p>	<p>A prayer book, icons, reading Scripture and the lives of Saints as provisions in our earthly journey. Icons: their meaning and interpretation Icons of pupils' Patron Saints</p>	<p>The family as a group of travelers in the world. Provisions and goals. Joys and difficulties. Privileges and responsibilities. The Church is the family of Christ.</p>	<p>Human beings by nature are moving, searching, creative beings. Job's dilemma and answer. Men and women as pilgrims, settlers, or tourists in life. Faith and reason. The struggle of good and evil. The role of conscience. Monasticism as pilgrimage. Marriage as pilgrimage.</p>	<p>Study the Russian Orthodox missionaries in Alaska, Supporting a specific mission with consistent prayer and material help.</p>	<p>The peoples of the earth as co-travelers. The planet earth as seen from space: beautiful but fragile. Working together for peace, understanding and mutual respect between sexes, among races, nations, and religions. The merits and drawbacks of television programs, films and videos.</p>