

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 9: REJOICING IN GOD</b></p> <p>The theme of Grade 9 is the discovery and celebration of God's gifts and truths, concentrating especially on the life of Christ and the New Testament. The ninth grader faces important decisions about friendships, lifestyles, school, work, social issues and family life. Knowledge of the person and work of Christ inspires the ninth grader to make his or her choices in the light of his or her faith in Christ and Good News of God's love, forgiveness, and joy in Christ.</p>	<p>God as Giver through creation – "and God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:12, 18, 25, 31). Man and woman as a special act of creation. God's gift of creation: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth" (Gen. 1:28). God's gift of the Law. God's gift of the Promised Land. God's supreme gift of love: His Son.</p>	<p>The joy of the Annunciation and Christ's; Simeon's prayer". The joy of Christ's good news and healing ministry. The authority, power, love and mercy of Christ as Lord, God, and Savior. Images of Christ: the Word, the Way, the Shepherd, the Vine, the Truth, the Light, the Life, the Resurrection.</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit as the living water in the hearts of believers. The gifts of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22).</p>	<p>The Church as the new people of God celebrating the presence of the kingdom in worship, Christian fellowship, service and witness. The joy of the Apostles and martyrs. The joy of the Church as the Community of Faith.</p>	<p>The study of the Doxology. Prayer and worship as joy. The Magnificat of Mary (Lk. 1:47-55) Simeon's prayer (Lk. 2:29-32) The Psalms.</p>	<p>The themes of celebration, joy, and thanksgiving in the Liturgy. A study of the Great Anaphora. "Taste and see how good the Lord is."</p>	<p>Celebrating the blessing of a new home, project or business. Celebrating the Door Opening and Consecration of a Church. The Service of the Salutations – the Akathist Hymn.</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>The Magnificat of Mary – Luke 1:47-55 Simeon's Prayer – Luke 2:29-32 The Doxology Thanksgiving Prayers after Holy Communion "Save, O Lord, Your people.." "O Joyful Light" Create personal prayers of thanksgiving Expressions of glorification</p>	<p>The Exaltation of the Cross (Sept. 14) The Sunday of Orthodoxy Pascha to Pentecost – Pentecostarion (hymn book used from Pascha to All Saints' Day) Other feasts and lives of Saints related to the main theme. St. Seraphim of Sarov as a saint of joy.</p>	<p>Holy Scripture is the work of God written by those who were inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. OT and NT passages related to the main theme. The Gospel of John. The Book of Revelation</p>	<p>Visiting shrines, monasteries, church institutions, and other historic places as signs of God's work and presence. Shrines at home. Holy Relics.</p>	<p>Celebrating the birth of a new child, its naming, 40-day blessing and Baptism. The celebration and meaning of name days. Celebrating Christ's presence at every family meal. Celebrating God's love in the family.</p>	<p>Thanksgiving to God for all His blessings – " We offer You these gifts..." (1 Chron. 29:10-14). The Psalms – anguishing and delighting in God. The joy of repentance (the joy of the Parables of the Lost Coin, Lost Sheep, and Prodigal Son). Rejoicing in difficult circumstances and suffering (St. Paul from Prison: "Rejoice always!" Phil. 4:4). The gifts of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Dating and social relationships.</p>	<p>Help prepare for a feast or festive event in the parish. Provide comfort, personal encouragement, and hope for someone in need.</p>	<p>The meaning of play, recreation, and adventure. A study of substance abuse and answers to it. Friendships and personal relationships with others who do not hold to Christian beliefs and values. The role and value of music.</p>