

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>Kindergarten: HAPPY WITH GOD</b></p> <p>Joy is the main theme of the Kindergarten program. God's love is the source of our joy. The Kindergartener experiences joy through family activities, and through Church worship and life. Aspects of worship and stories from Scripture highlight specific examples of and reasons for joy centered on Christ. The Kindergartener learns to celebrate God's gift of joy and thus feels a sense of trust and well-being.</p>	<p>God created Adam and Eve to be happy together. God created plants, fruit trees, and animals for Adam and eve to enjoy. Creation is God's gift. We enjoy God's creation. We are happy to know that God loves, cares for, and protects us.</p>	<p>The coming of Jesus brings joy to the world. The joy of Elizabeth and Mary. The joy of the Angels. The joy of the Shepherds. The joy of Wisemen. The joy of Simeon. We rejoice knowing that Jesus is our Lord and Friend.</p>	<p>Mary and Elizabeth rejoice by being filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in our hearts makes us feel joy.</p>	<p>We enjoy going to Church. We are happy to be together in the Church. In Church we celebrate the joy that Jesus brought to the world. Our Church is the Orthodox Church.</p>	<p>We show our joy by singing hymns and songs in our home. Prayer helps us to be joyful. We begin prayer by making the sign of the Cross. The sign of the Cross reminds us that we are Christians. We talk to God through prayer and worship.</p>	<p>The Liturgy is a time of joy because we are with God, with Jesus and with each other. We show our joy by praying and singing –the priest sings, the choir sings and everyone sings. We feel God's joy in our hearts when we enter the church, light a candle, kiss the icons, receive Holy Communion and receive the antidoron (blessed bread). We rejoice learning hymns and prayers.</p>	<p>The Forty-Day Blessing in the Church (based on the forty-day blessing of Jesus in the Temple). By Baptism we become followers of Christ and members of the Orthodox Church.</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</b> <b>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,</b> <b>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>Review above hymns and prayers of preschoolers. "Save Us, O Son of God" "The Name of the Lord be Blessed" "Christ is Risen/Christos Anesti" Selections from songbook.</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Christmas Epiphany Presentation of Christ in the Temple Annunciation Easter Church's Saint (George) Children's Patron Saint Other feasts and saints as suitable to specific lessons.</p>	<p>The Bible comes from God. We listen carefully when the priest reads the Bible. We respect the Holy Bible and kiss it as we do an icon. Biblical stories related to feasts. Biblical stories exemplifying joy (e.g. birth of Moses and Jesus; Simeon receiving Christ in the Temple; and finding of the lost sheep; the joy of Mary and Elizabeth; joy of shepherds and Magi.</p>	<p>Sign of the Cross. Candles Incense Icons of feasts and Biblical stories related to lessons. Palms Epitaphios</p>	<p>Our family gives us joy in many ways, when we talk and eat together, go for a walk in the park or on a trip; when we go to Church together, etc. We are not always happy, but God helps us to be joyful and hopeful even in tough times. We feel a special joy when we receive Holy Communion together because we feel close to Jesus and to each other.</p>	<p>We love God and obey Him. We love Jesus and obey Him. We love our parents and obey them. Saying "I am sorry". Saying the truth. Respect elders. Fasting before Communion. The joy of doing good.</p>	<p>Sharing and giving. Being kind and helping others. Being good at home, church, and school because we love Jesus.</p>	<p>We enjoy God's creation by jumping, swimming, sliding, walking, eating, smelling flowers, etc. We are kind to pets. We are fair in games and in sharing. We are friendly. We do not make fun of anyone who is different. We respect elders but do not go with anyone we do not know without our parents.</p>