

METROPOLITANATE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Year 10 Curriculum:

Unit/Topic	Aim of the lesson	Outcomes
1. Establishment of the Church	Students will learn about the establishment of the Orthodox Church.	Remember that the Church is not another association or a guild, it is a piece of Heaven on Earth.
2. Persecution of Christians	The students will learn about the persecution of Christians in the Roman empire.	Remember that the Son of God became man so that we might become God.
3. The dialogue of the Church and Society	The students will learn about the Apostolic fathers and the Apologists and their relationship with the world.	Remember that Christians are in the world, love the world, but are not of the world.
4. Ancient Liturgies	The students learn about the earliest records of liturgical services.	Remember that the worship of the Orthodox Church is Scriptural and Traditional.
5. Saint Constantine	The students will learn about the great achievements of Saint Emperor Constantine.	Learn where and when St Constantine granted freedom to Christians.
6. First Ecumenical Council	The students will learn about the reasons why the First Ecumenical Council was called and its results.	Learn the importance of correct and strict following of the apostolic teachings for the correct living.
7. Monasticism	The students will learn about the development of monasticism.	Learn the difference between the so-called white clergy and black clergy.

8. Second Ecumenical Council	The students will learn why the Second Ecumenical Council was called and its results.	Appreciate the importance of the Holy Spirit for the life of the Church.
9. Third Ecumenical Council	The students will learn why the Third Ecumenical Council was called and its results.	Learn how theology can influence the devotion in everyday life of Christians.
10. Fourth Ecumenical Council	The students will learn why the Fourth Ecumenical Council was called and its results.	Remember Jesus Christ is the Godman. He has two natures, Divine and Human.
11. First significant Schism	The students will learn about the schism between the Byzantine and Egyptian Churches.	Learn about the dangers of secular influences on the life of the Church.
12. Fifth Ecumenical Council	The students will learn why the Fifth Ecumenical Council was called and its results.	Appreciate that the Church was never settled with the state of the schism and always aspired to unity in the true faith.
13. Emperor Justinian I	The students will learn about the life and achievements of Saint Emperor Justinian I	Remember that the Church understood the symphony of spiritual and secular governments as an ideal organic order.
14. Sixth Ecumenical Council	The students will learn why the Sixth Ecumenical Council was called and its results.	Remember that one person on the side of the truth is stronger than the whole world.
15. The Rise of Islam	The students will learn about the first contacts of Orthodox Christians and Muslims.	Learn how to appreciate other religions without reducing the Orthodox faith.
16. Iconoclasm	The students will learn about the heresy of Iconoclasm.	Learn the difference between worship and veneration of Icons.
17. Seventh Ecumenical Council	The students will learn why the Seventh Ecumenical Council was called and its results.	Learn the importance of the Incarnation of Christ for Church art.
18. Ss Cyril and Methodius	The students will learn about the conversion of the Slavs to Christianity.	Remember that the Slavs were not forced into Christianity but accepted it willingly.

19. The Great Schism	The students will learn about the schism between Eastern and Western Christians.	Remember that no individual person can claim to be infallible in matters of faith.
20. Nemanjici	The students will learn about the great and holy Serbian royal family Nemanjic.	Name the founder of the Nemanjic dynasty and his three sons.
21. The Crusades	The students will learn about the Crusade wars with special attention on the Fourth Crusade and ransacking of Constantinople.	Learn how actions of foolish individuals can bring about great consequences for many people.
22. The Turkish occupation	The students will learn about the Turkish invasion and the fall of Orthodox lands under the Muslim rule.	Remember that a non-Christian occupation forced the Orthodox to predominantly worship at home, but the nature of our faith remains communal and relational.
23. The Unia	The Students will learn about the forced unions of the Orthodox with Roman Catholic.	Remember that the clergy without the people is not a Church, same as the people without the clergy.
24. Western Schism	The students will learn about the Western phenomenon of Reformation.	Learn the difference between Roman Catholic and Protestant Christian groups.
25. Ecumenism	The students will learn about the differences between Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox approach to Ecumenical relations.	Learn the difference between Orthodox and Heterodox understanding of the Church.