

METROPOLITANATE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Year 9 Curriculum:

Unit/Topic	Aim of the lesson	Outcomes
1. Calendar	Students will learn about the different calendars used in different Churches.	Understand how different calendars came into being and which calendars are used by the Orthodox Church.
2. Christmas	The students will learn the spiritual background of the biblical account of Incarnation.	Remember that the Son of God became man so that we might become God.
3. Epiphany	The students will learn about the first full revelation of the Trinity.	Grasp that the three persons are of one essence and there is only one God.
4. The Annunciation	The students will be familiarised with the account of the meeting of Archangel Gabriel and St Mary.	Remember that the Saviour did not come on his own, but through synergy with mankind.
5. Lazarus Saturday	The students will learn how Jesus wept for His friend Lazarus before He resurrected him.	Remember that Christians do grieve for the departed but not like those who do not believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
6. Palm Sunday	The students will learn all about the triumphant entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.	Remember that the Messiah exhibited humility when people celebrated Him equally as when they persecuted Him.
7. Easter	The students will learn about the spiritual background of the biblical account of the Resurrection.	Learn that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christianity.

8. The Ascension	The students will learn what Jesus Christ did after the Resurrection.	Remember that the assignment He gave to the Apostles, to spread the Word of God, refers to every Christian.
9. Pentecost	The students will learn about the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles.	Remember that the Pentecost is the Birthday of the Orthodox Church.
10. The Transfiguration	The students will learn about the event when Jesus Christ became radiant in Glory in front of His disciples.	Remember that even if humans are not able to grasp the essence of God, we can experience His energies.
11. The Dormition	The students will learn about the falling asleep of the Theotokos.	Learn the instructions for the Dormition fast.
12. The Nativity of the Theotokos	The students will learn about the birth of the Theotokos.	Remember that physical disadvantages are neither shameful nor superior, but opportunities to see the glory of God.
13. Exaltation of the Cross	The students will learn about the significance of the Cross to Christians as the symbol of victory over death.	Remember that every Christian must partake to some degree in the suffering of Christ in order to partake fully in His victory over death.
14. St Archangel Michael and the bodiless celestial powers	The students will learn about the history and hierarchy of Angels.	Remember that the word "angel" describes the office not the nature of the spirits.
15. The Presentation of the Theotokos	The students will learn about the childhood and schooling of St Mary.	Remember that education and development of young people is the foothold of their entire life.
16. Saint Nicholas	The students will learn about the life of Saint Nicholas.	Learn that modern day Santa Claus is modeled on the real figure of Saint Nicholas, and his philanthropic attitude resonates the Love of God for His people.
17. Major and minor Fasts	The students will learn about the origin, meaning and rules of fasting.	Appreciate that Christians fast because they want to not because they have to.

18. Church New Year and liturgical cycles	The students will learn about the difference between movable and unmovable feasts.	Learn the difference between Church New Year, Gregorian New Year and Julian New Year.
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