

METROPOLITANATE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Orthodoxy C Curriculum

Unit/Topic	Aim of the lesson	Year 3 Outcomes	Year 6 Outcomes
1. The Pentecost – Birthday of the Orthodox Church	The students will learn about the Scriptural account of the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles.	Understand that God established the Orthodox Church through Apostles.	Learn that God fulfilled the Old Testament, reversing the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel into a unifying event at Pentecost.
2. The Persecution of Christians	The students will learn how early Church was persecuted by the Romans.	Memorise some of the secret Christian symbols.	Appreciate that the early Christians were willing to risk their lives to participate in the Eucharistic services.
3. The Liturgy	The students will learn about the establishment of the Eucharistic Liturgy.	Learn the elements of the Eucharist.	Learn what Christians do in order to prepare for the participation in the Liturgy.
4. Saint Constantine the Great	Students will learn how Constantine came to power and legalised Christianity.	Learn how God helped Constantine with the symbol of the Cross.	Remember that freedom of religion is Christian tradition.

5. Clergy	The students will learn how Apostles ordained Bishops, presbyters and deacons.	Learn the three clerical orders of the Orthodox Church.	Learn about Apostolic succession of the Orthodox Church.
6. The Bible	The students will learn about the history of the Bible as a text.	Learn about the content and sections of the Bible.	Remember that the Bible is the product of the Church not the other way around.
7. Church art and architecture	The students learn about the symbolism in art and architecture of Church buildings.	Learn that Orthodox Churches are designed to resemble the Tabernacle and the Temple of the Old Testament.	Learn that the Church is a symbol of Noah's Ark as a boat of salvation from the turbulent waters of life.
8. Holy Fathers and Mothers	The students learn about the significance of Saints in the everyday life of the Church.	Memorise the names of at least five Saints from different eras.	Learn that the writings of the Fathers and Mothers of the Church, together with the Bible, is called the Holy Tradition
9. The Church of the Councils.	Learn about the concept and history of Ecumenical and Local Councils.	Learn what is heresy and how the Church reacts to it.	Value the fact that Conciliarity is a way of life of the Orthodox Church.
10. The Creed	The students will learn how and when the Church produced the Symbol of the Faith.	Learn that it is important to have a clear understanding of the Church doctrine.	Learn that the Creed is the summary of the Church doctrine and cannot be changed.
11. St Cyril and Methodius	The students will learn about the Holy Brothers Cyril and Methodius and their mission among the Slavs.	Remember that literacy came to the Slavs through the Bible and Holy Tradition.	Learn how Slavs accepted Christianity and established the tradition of the "slava".
12. Slava – Family Patron Saint Day	The students will learn about the Slava tradition in Serbian	Learn the elements of Slava consecration.	Learn about the symbolism behind the elements of Slava

	Orthodoxy.		consecration.
13. Saint Sava and the Serbian Orthodox Church	The students will learn about the life of Saint Sava and how he became the first hierarch of the independent Serbian Orthodox Church	Learn why Saint Sava is considered a father of the Serbian Church and nation and the protector of Serbian school students.	Remember that one does not have to be of Serbian ethnicity to be part of the Serbian Orthodox Church; it is open for all.
14. Christian divisions	The students will learn about the process of divisions of the Church through history.	Learn the names of three major Christian groups.	Remember that God wants Christians to unite in Orthodox faith and worship.
15. Nemanjic dynasty and the Serbian Patriarchate	The students will learn the history of the Serbian Medieval Royal family that gave eighteen saints and numerous Churches and monasteries.	Learn that Nemanjici produced Saints through repentance and heritage sacrifices.	Learn how Serbian Orthodox Church became a Patriarchate in the XIV century and still holds a prestigious role in the family of Orthodox Churches.
16. Sainthood	The students will learn about the concept of holiness and process of canonisation of Saints.	Remember that Saints are glorified by God to be examples of good life.	Learn that Christ is the only Holy one and everyone who is unity with Him is a Saint.
17. St Lazar and Milica of Kosovo	The students will learn about Serbian Prince Lazar and his wife and their sacrifice in the Battle of Kosovo.	Learn the date and opponents of the Battle of Kosovo.	Remember that Lazar gave his life out of love for others and Milica dedicated her life to others. They are two types of Saints.
18. The Turkish Captivity.	The students will learn how Serbia fell under Ottoman government and how this affected the Church.	Learn that Turks were forcing Christians to convert to Islam and were destroying Churches.	Learn that because of Turkish oppression worship was often done at home rather than in Churches, and

			people seldom received Communion. Other similar traditions survived the occupation and still burden the Church.
19. The Orthodox Diaspora	The students will learn how Orthodoxy came to Australia with immigrants from Orthodox countries.	Learn that the Church and our faith are always and everywhere a part of our identity.	Learn to differentiate between ancestry and religion. Orthodoxy is not a folk tradition but a relationship with God.
20. Baptism	The students will learn about the Holy Mystery of Baptism.	Learn that Baptism is the basic condition for initiation into the Church.	Learn the responsibilities of Godparents.
21. Lent/Fast	The students learn about history and significance of lent.	Learn three types of food we abstain from during lent.	Learn the four lent periods in the year.
22. Repentance and Confession	The students will learn about the Holy Mystery of Repentance and Confession.	Learn the importance of repentance as self-improvement.	Learn when Christians should go for confession and how to confess their sins to a priest.
23. Marriage	The students will learn about the Holy Mystery of Marriage.	Learn that man and woman are completely equal in marriage.	Remember that marriage is a form of sacrifice for the loved ones.
24. Prayer	The students will learn what prayer is, how to say it and when.	Learn the Lord's Prayer by heart.	Appreciate that prayer is not only a chance to ask God for favours but also to celebrate Him and offer thanks.
25. Communion	The students will learn about the	Learn how and why Jesus Christ	Learn how to prepare for

	Holy Mystery of Eucharist.	established the Holy Communion.	communion and how often to partake.
26. Church Etiquette	The students will learn how to behave in Church and how to address the clergy appropriately.	Learn how to ask for a blessing and greet a priest.	Appreciate that a visit to the Church is like a visit to Heavenly Kingdom, and certain protocols must be observed.
27. Second Coming of Christ	The students will learn about the biblical promise of Christ's return to Earth.	Remember that the final judgment is a good thing not to be feared but anticipated with love, like a reunion with a parent.	Learn about the biblical prophecies of the second coming as a lesson for our life now, not only in the future.