

Sunday School Curriculum 2018-2019 (YEAR III)
Group A (4-7 years old)

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| SEP | <p>Jesus Christ – Son of God. The icon of the Savior.</p> <p>Reason of Incarnation – salvation of the human race. Chronological explanation of Savior’s life and activity (in short).</p> <p>The Apostles – the Savior’s friends</p> |
| OCT | <p>Miraculous healings (relation: sin-illness, trust in God and healing). Exemplification at teacher’s choice: Healing the paralytic at Capernaum / man born blind / centurion’s servant.</p> <p>Jesus Christ is God – He loves people (raising from the dead: the daughter of Jairus, the Son of the widow of Nain, raising of Lazarus – at the teacher’s discretion).</p> |
| NOV | <p>Chronological description of events prior to the Lord’s Nativity (Righteous Joseph and Mary, journey to Bethlehem, Herod and the killing of the children...).</p> <p>The Lord’s Nativity The creation praises the Baby Jesus (the magi, shepherds, animals and the angels).</p> |
| DEC | <p>St. Nicholas – friend of children (his life and miracles).</p> <p>Preparation for Christmas Party.</p> |
| JAN | <p>The Epiphany (revelation of the Holy Trinity and the beginning of Jesus public ministry). Baptism as Sacrament (short explanation).</p> <p>Jesus teaches us what is pleasing to God (teacher chooses a parable): the Good Samaritan – helping our neighbors in need; The Prodigal Son – be obedient to parents, ask for forgiveness , be glad for the success of our neighbors.</p> |
| FEB | <p>Jesus teaches us what is pleasing to God: Parable of the talents – to be hard-workers.</p> <p>Miracles performed by the Lord (at teacher’s discretion): Calming the stormy sea – God is the Master of the world, we should trust Him; or: Multiplying the loaves of bread and fish – if we have compassion on our needy brethren, God will send His help.</p> |
| MAR | <p>The Annunciation Holy Virgin Mary’s obedience to God; presentation of the icon.</p> <p>The Lord’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem or Palm Sunday (Romanian customs). Palm Sunday carol (Today we all celebrate).</p> |
| APR | <p>The Last Supper (describe the events at the Supper; significance, importance).</p> <p>The Lord’s Passion (the prayer in the Garden, Judas’ betrayal, the arrest and condemnation, the Passion) – recount the events, the patience of Jesus in suffering for our salvation.</p> <p>The Lord’s Resurrection. Easter at Romanians (decorating the Easter eggs, other customs).</p> |
| MAY | <p>The appearances after the Resurrection.</p> <p>The Ascension into heaven.</p> <p>The Pentecost – The Descent of the Holy Spirit.</p> |
| JUN | <p>Final review.</p> |

Sunday School Curriculum 2018-2019 (YEAR III)
Group B (8-12 years old)

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| SEP | <p>Salvation – man’s union with God by faith, fulfilling the commandments (good deeds) and receiving the grace of God.</p> <p>Parable of the sower – receiving and fulfilling God’s word (Luke 8:4-15; Matthew 13:3-23).</p> |
| OCT | <p>Nicene Creed – explanation and learning of the articles.</p> <p>Dogma of the Holy Trinity – formula, short explanation.</p> <p>The Ten Commandments – God’s Covenant with His people through Moses; our responsibilities towards God (1-4); exercises about the Ten Commandments (good deeds, misdeeds, their consequences, exercises of practical morality, - 2 lessons).</p> |
| NOV | <p>The Ten Commandments – responsibilities towards our neighbors (5-10). Exercises about the Ten Commandments (good deeds, misdeeds, their consequences, exercises of practical morality).</p> <p>St. Hierarch Nicholas – his life in short, miracles.</p> |
| DEC | <p>Jesus Christ – God’s Covenant with all people. The commandment of love.</p> <p>The Lord’s Nativity – Christmas Party.</p> |
| JAN | <p>Almsgiving – proof of love of neighbor (examples of physical and spiritual almsgiving – 2 lessons).</p> <p>Christian Lent – way of spiritual improvement (fast’s significance and usefulness; criteria for a fast with spiritual results; classification according to length of time and severity).</p> |
| FEB | <p>Parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus – about love for material possessions and poverty; about pride and humility; compassion and divine reward; Individual judgement (Luke 16:1-31).</p> <p>Individual judgement – general info. (definition, criterion for judgement – love of God and neighbor, time, consequences, teaching about Paradise and Hades).</p> <p>Parable of the ten virgins – fulfilling God’s will and receiving His grace, conditions for entering the Kingdom of heaven (Matthew 25:1-13; Luke 21:37-38; Matthew 7:21).</p> |
| MAR | <p>Universal Judgement – teaching of the Church in short.</p> <p>Review for the Olympiad – parish level.</p> |
| APR | <p>The Lord’s Resurrection. The post-resurrection appearances.</p> <p>Review for the Olympiad – metropolitan level.</p> |
| MAY | <p>Parable of those invite to the Supper – the need for accepting the invitation and the preparation for the Kingdom of heaven (Luke 14:15-24; Jacob 2:5).</p> <p>The parable of the unmerciful servant – forgiving our fellow human beings on the principle of our forgiveness by God (Matthew 18:15-35; Luke 17:3-4).</p> |
| JUN | <p>Final review.</p> |

Sunday School Curriculum 2018-2019 (YEAR III)
Group C (13-18 years old)

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| Sept. | <p>God the Creator</p> <p>Creation of the visible world (days of creation according to biblical account).</p> <p>Creation of the invisible world (angels); the origin of evil (fall of Lucifer)</p> |
| Oct. | <p>Man's creation and his paradisiac state.</p> <p>Heterodoxic theories and ideas about the origin of the world and man (evolutionism, pantheism).</p> |
| Nov. | <p>The fall of the first couple (explanation of the event, defining the concept of original sin, personal sin – reiteration of the original sin).</p> <p>Consequences of the original sin</p> <p>The Protoevangel (redemption of man by the Incarnation of the Son – Jesus Christ, God-Man).</p> |
| Dec. | <p>Purpose of life – union with God through faith, receiving the divine grace and good deeds.</p> <p>Holy Sacraments – general info., conferring the divine grace.</p> <p>Christmas Party.</p> |
| Jan | <p>Sacrament of Baptism</p> <p>Sacrament of Chrismation</p> <p>Sacrament of Repentance (Penance)</p> |
| Feb. | <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>Sacrament of Matrimony</p> |
| Mar. | <p>Sacrament of Ordination</p> <p>Sacrament of Holy Unction</p> |
| Apr. | <p>The Lord's Resurrection</p> <p>Review for the Olympiad Religion Olympiad – parish level</p> |
| May | <p>Persecutions against Christians: motives, forms of persecution, persecutors, examples of Christian martyrs; martyrs' role for the Church growth; proclaiming the faith in contemporary world.</p> <p>Review for the Olympiad Religion Olympiad – metropolitan level.</p> |
| June | <p>Edict of Milan</p> <p>Final review</p> |