In Ninth Grade, the emphasis shows God’s love is a source of our joy. Family Activities and Church Worship through God are presented. Aspects of worship and stories from the Scripture highlight specific examples of and reasons for joy centered on Christ. (This definition is taken from the Scope and Sequence of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.)

_During the Ninth Grade Catechetical School year, students should learn:_

I. God the Father
   God is shown as a Giver through: Creation-the Law-the Promised Land-the supreme gift of Love- His Son

II. God the Son-Jesus Christ
   -The Joy of Annunciation-Christ’s Birth-the Virgin Mary-His message and ministry-Christ’s -authority-love and mercy as Lord, God and Savior
   -Christ the Shepherd-the Way-the Vine-the Truth-the Light-the Life-the Resurrection

III. God the Holy Spirit
   The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

IV. Church
   The Church as the new people of God-celebrating the Kingdom in worship-Christian fellowship-service and witness.
   The Apostles-and martyrs and the Church as a Community of Faith

V. Worship and Prayer
   Study of the Doxology – prayer and worship as joy – Simeon’s prayer-the Psalms

VI. Liturgy
   Celebration, joy and thanksgiving of the Liturgy

VII. Sacraments and Other Services
   Celebrating the blessings of our home-business-project
   Celebrating the Door Opening and Consecration of the Church
   Service of the Salutations

VIII. Prayers and Hymns
Prayers and hymns of the Virgin Mary-the Doxology-
Thanksgiving prayers of Holy Communion-creating personal
prayers of thanksgiving-expressions of glorification

IX. Saints, Feasts, Cycles
Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Sunday of Orthodoxy- Pascha to
Pentecost-and other Feast Days of our Lord and Virgin Mary

X. Scripture
Understanding Holy Scripture as the word of God-the Old and

XI. Tradition
Visiting Shrines-Monasteries-church institutions and other
historic places that show God’s work and presence

XII. Christian Family
Celebrating the birth, naming, 40-day blessing and Baptism of
new child. Celebrating Name Days, Christ’s presence in the our
family and God’s love for mankind

XIII. Ethics and Spirituality
Thanksgiving for all God’s Blessings-Repentance (Prodigal Son) –
rejoicing with difficult situations and suffering-the gifts of the
Holy Spirit-and dating and social relationships

XIV. Service and Mission
Help at church with preparation for Feast Days and festive events
in our Church community-Provide encouragement, comfort and
hope for those in need.

XV. Other Faiths, Society and World
Meaning of play-recreation and adventure-study of substance
abuse and answers-friendships and personal relationship with
those who do not hold to our Christian beliefs and values.
The role and value of music.