

**In Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Grade, the emphasis is on commitment in the life of the Church-Service to God and Christian discipleship-living for God as His faithful coworker and thankful witness in the world. (This definition is taken from the Scope and Sequence of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.)**

***During the Tenth – Twelfth Grade Catechetical School year, students should learn:***

**\_\_\_\_I. God the Father**

**God as Father-Son and Holy Spirit and absolute loyalty and commitment to God.**

**God's call to those such as Abraham-Joshua-Elijah-Esther-Judith to serve His divine purposes. God's commitment to allow us free will  
God as the source of life-the "Giver of all good things'.**

**\_\_\_\_II. God the Son-Jesus Christ**

**Christ's absolute commitment and obedience to God's will-Christ's suffering God in all things-Jesus' call to the disciples to service for God-Christ's relationship to Father as Son of God-Christ's ministries-Christ's Crucifixion-Resurrection and ascension and Christ's bringing the Kingdom of God as present reality.**

**\_\_\_\_III. God the Holy Spirit**

**The importance of understanding of the Holy Spirit-ministries in the Church-the power of the Holy Spirit to empower the Apostles to speak in times of mission and persecution-the grace of the Holy Spirit**

**\_\_\_\_IV. Church**

**Apostles-the early Church-great moments in Church History-persecutions and martyrdom-Council of Nicea-Church and Empire of Constantinople-The Church in the New World-God's Divine purpose in history-serving God through church ministries-life of the Church reflects God's Kingdom-the Church extends to included the living and the departed-and acts for the glory of God.**

**\_\_\_\_V. Worship and Prayer**

**Power of prayers and worship in time of persecution-how to pray-prayer in daily life-worship in the Church through evangelism-mission and philanthropy. The adoration and worship of God-prayer uniting us with God in our heart and mind.**

## **\_\_\_\_VI. Liturgy**

**The Liturgy is our commitment to God and one another-praying and singing the Liturgy –It is the celebration of the passion and resurrection of Christ and calls for personal involvement and participation. The Liturgy is an experience of God’s Kingdom-an offering and sanctification of all creation and the highest experience of true life on earth**

## **\_\_\_\_VII. Sacraments and Other Services**

**Commitment to Ordination-Marriage-Holy Confession-and adult Baptism and Chrismation. There is service through minor orders of acolyte, reader, chanter and sexton. Serving God through major orders of deacon, priest and bishop. Blessing of the 5 loaves (Artoclasia). The Sacraments communicate the powers of God’s Kingdom-in the funeral service we celebrate God’s power of life-Memorial services are intercessions for the departed-Saturday of Souls-All sacramental life deepens Christian conscience and identity**

## **\_\_\_\_VIII. Prayers and Hymns**

**This section involves all prayers and Hymns of the Sacraments-Holy Week-Pascha and Pentecost-funeral services-Students learn Jesus Prayer-Nicene Creed and Psalms**

## **\_\_\_\_IX. Saints, Feasts, Cycles**

**Feast Days Saints related to great events in Church History services, saints, tradition of the Cycle of Holy Week-Feast of the Theotokos-Pentacostarion-Angels-Saints-Feast of the Archangels-learning life and work of Patron Saint-Relics of Saints-and life ever after in the communion of saints**

## **\_\_\_\_X. Scripture**

**Books of Acts-Old and New Testament-the meaning of covenant-Sermon on the Mount-Gospel of the Passion of Christ-the Twelve Gospels of Holy Thursday-Biblical reading-Discipleship in the New Testament-St. Paul’s example of living for God and God’s promise s of the Kingdom as a future reality**

## **\_\_\_\_XI. Tradition**

**Historical events on the persecution of Christians-Christianization of the Roman Empire-building of St. Sophia-the relationship of church and state-icons-traditions-symbols of Holy Week and our Theotokos. Tradition in the life in the Holy Spirit-the Orthodox Church preserves the fullness of truth in total tradition-the Church teaching after-life and learning to prepare memorial wheat/koliva.**

## **\_\_\_\_XII. Christian Family**

**Commitment to family-care for the aged-importance of family in God's plan. Censing in our homes-taking offerings of bread, oil, wine and incense to Church – asking for mutual forgiveness before Holy Communion-giving time to family-Discussion and sharing Church-school topics-sermons-contemporary issues-observe family name days-Becoming a godparent-participating in frequent Holy Communion with family**

## **\_\_\_\_XIII. Ethics and Spirituality**

**Following and learning the examples of saints in daily living-recognizing persecution and oppression in today's world-being a disciple in today's world-moral decision making-knowing the meaning and causes of values of trials and suffering-forgiving enemies-personal holiness-conducting our lives as a living sacrifice to God-developing a personal relationship with God-Theosis. Understanding the fundamental teachings of Orthodoxy.**

## **\_\_\_\_XIV. Service and Mission**

**Using our God-given talents to glorify God and our faith helping to care for those less fortunate than us-thinking of our desired vocation and how our faith should fit in our decisions. Role of men and women in the Church.**

## **\_\_\_\_XV. Other Faiths, Society and World**

**We have a commitment to preserve our physical environment, preservation of the social and moral environment-and the preservation of one's personal physical and social environment. We are responsible to seek justice for the oppressed and suffering-overcoming sins against humanity to do God's work-and treating all with dignity and respect and loving all of God's creation. Learn how to handle the difference in beliefs and values. Dealing with responsibility of a part-time job-learn more about alcoholism and other substance abuse and understand**

**television programs and films and the philosophy expressed through them.**