

## Eleventh & Twelfth Grade

- Intro Page: Contemporary Issues
- The goal of eleventh and twelfth grade is to arm the student with information on the Church's position on contemporary moral issues. Building upon the previous years in Catechetical school, the student is now able to apply basic theology to issues that they may face in their adult years.
- It is very important that the teacher or teachers have read and studied the follow texts. The topics listed below are covered in detail by these Orthodox Christian authors.
- Texts:
  - Living the Faith, The Praxis of Eastern Orthodox Ethics
    - Stanley Samuel Harakas
    - Light and Life Publishing Company
    - Copyright 1993
  - On Marriage and Family Life
    - St. John Chrysostom – translated by Catharine P. Roth and David Anderson
    - St Vladimir's Seminary Press
    - Copyright 1986
  - Stages on Life's Way – Orthodox Thinking on Bioethics
    - John and Lyn Beck
    - St Vladimir's Seminary Press
    - Copyright 2005
  - Seeds of the Word – Orthodox Thinking on other Religions
    - John Garvey
    - St Vladimir's Seminary Press
    - Copyright 2005
  - The Sacred Gift of Life – Orthodox Christianity and Bioethics
    - John Beck
    - St Vladimir's Seminary Press
    - Copyright 2000
  - Christian Faith and Same-Sex Attraction – Eastern Orthodox Reflections
    - Thomas Hopko
    - Conciliar Press
    - Copyright 2006
- Topics to be covered during Catechetical year:
  - Purity of Body –
    - Our Body as Temple of the Holy Spirit
      - Lessons and/or Best Practices
    - Addiction – Borderline Personality Disorder
      - Lessons and/or Best Practices
    - Cutting and Eating Disorders
      - Lessons and/or Best Practices

- Drugs and Alcohol
  - Lessons and/or Best Practices
- Pornography
  - Lessons and/or Best Practices
- Spiritual Struggles and the Passions
  - Lessons and/or Best Practices
- Suicide, Indirect Suicide, Self Sacrifice
  - Lessons and/or Best Practices
- Healing illness
  - Lessons and/or Best Practices
- Preparing for Marriage –
  - Friendship and Dating
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Pre Marital Sex
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Polygamy
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Homosexuality
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - How to chose a spouse
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Sanctity of Marriage Bed
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Making an Orthodox Home
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
- Bioethical Concerns –
  - Nurturing Human Life and Human Experimentation
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Stem Cell Research
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Abortion
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Organ Transplants, mental health, Euthanasia
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Transmission of Life – Fertility Control, Artificial Insemination, InVitro Fertilization
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Genetic Screening and Cloning
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
- Maintenance of Life –
  - Relationship with parents as we become adults
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Pride and Vanity vs. Christian Humility
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Human Rights
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices

- Crime, War, and Peace
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
- Dogma
  - Original Sin
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Confession
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Death and the Afterlife
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Differences with Roman Catholics
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices
  - Differences with Protestants
    - Lessons and/or Best Practices