(St. John Maron Maronite Catholic Church – Faith Formation Outline

GRADE: 1st

LESSON OUTLINE- GOD IS LOVE

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Sept. 7	**First day of Class ☺ Remember we start in church at _____ a.m.**	Welcoming the students to religion class.	**Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** Blessing of the religion books at end of the Liturgy. They will be presented to the children in class. Use class time to welcome and get acquainted with the children (ice breakers). Guide them through the religion book to familiarize them with its resources.
Sept. 14	**Ch 1 We are Maronites**	● God is a family of three Divine Persons. ● Maronite Church = family of God. ● Learn to make Sign of the Cross.	**Catechetical Sunday. 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross** Commissioning at Divine Liturgy. Assembly in the hall at 10:50 am. All attend.
Sept 21	**Ch 2 Our Teachers**	● Appreciate our teachers. ● Church teachers. ● Pray for our teachers.	**2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **ABOONA MEETING WITH PARENTS.**
Sept 28	**Ch 3 Our Special Book**	● Bible teaches us about God. ● Bible has two main parts. ● Grow in love for the Bible.	**3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY** **We will have an activity to promote prayer of the Rosary to the children**
Oct. 5	**Ch 4 Our Church Year**	● Church Seasons. ● Church New Year. ● Love of prayer –example St Simon.	**4th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 12	**Ch 5 Jesus is Coming!**	● John the Baptist prepares the coming of Jesus. ● How Maronites prepare for Jesus. ● Examples of ways to welcome Jesus.	**5th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 19	**Ch 6 Our Mother Mary**	● Mary is the Mother of Jesus ● The Annunciation. ● Learn to pray the Hail Mary.	**6th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 26	**Ch 7 Jesus is Born**	● Christmas = Jesus Birthday ● Tell the Christmas story. ● Thank God for the gift of Jesus.	**7th Sunday after the Holy Cross and Sunday of Christ the King.** **All Saints Day, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation (explain the feast)**

Nov. 2	**Ch 8 The Holy Family**	• Love God = Obey your parents. • Jesus, Mary and Joseph Love God and obeyed His will. • Grow in desire to love and obey God	**Consecration & Renewal of the Church** = begins the Liturgical Year.
Nov. 9	**Ch 9 Our Loving Creator**	• God is the creator of the world. • Thank God for His creations.	**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord** The season of "Happy Announcements" in preparation for the Birth of our Savior. **Announcement to Zechariah.** Are your students learning their prayers?
Nov. 16	**Ch 10 God Made Us**	• Thanking God for the gift of LIFE. • Taking care of the gift of LIFE. • Bread and Wine = God's gift of Life.	**Announcement to the Virgin Mary** **(No Class November 27, it's also the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth.)** Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving with your class to highlight our national theme of thanks.
Nov23	**Ch 11 Our Good Father**	• The Lord's Prayer (Our Father) • Jesus teaches us how to pray. • Grow in love to talk to God through prayer.	**Birth of John the Baptist** **Feast of Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Explain this feast to your class.
Dec. 7	**Teaching on the Feast of Christmas** & Play Rehearsal	• Using your book (Chapter 7 review), present a review of the basic doctrine of our celebration of the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord.	**Revelation to Joseph** Play rehearsal during part of the class. A Christmas Play will be presented next week at the celebration, parents invited.
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LESSON OUTLINE- JESUS

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Sept. 7	**First day of Class ☺ Remember we start in church at 9:50 a.m.**	Welcoming the children to the First Communion class.	**Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** Blessing of the religion books at end of the Liturgy. They will be presented to the children in class. Use class time to welcome and get acquainted with the children (ice breakers). Guide them through the religion book to familiarize them with its resources.
Sept. 14	**Ch 1 Prayer**	● Maronite Church = community that prays. ● See the cross of Jesus as a mystery. ● We meet Jesus by prayer.	**Catechetical Sunday. 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross** Commissioning at Divine Liturgy. Assembly in the hall at 10:50 am. All attend.
Sept. 21	**Ch 2 The Bible**	● We meet Jesus in the Bible. ● Bible has two main parts. ● Grow in desire to read, listen and follow the Bible.	**2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **ABOONA MEETING WITH PARENTS.**
Sept 28	**Ch 3 Seven Mysteries**	● List and describe the 7 Holy Mysteries. ● Grow in desire to meet Jesus in participating in the Holy Mysteries.	**3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY** **We will have an activity to promote prayer of the Rosary to the children**
Oct 5	**Ch 4 The Church Year**	● Meeting Jesus in church celebrations. ● Identify and explain the seasons of the Church year. ● Like Jesus, every moment of our lives is Holy.	**4th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct 12	**Ch 5 We Wait with Mary**	● Birth of Jesus. ● Jesus = Messiah ● Mary as our role model.	**5th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**

Oct 19	**Ch 6 The Birth of Jesus**	• Christmas = God's Love • Jesus has dual nature. • Grow to be loving in our families.	**6th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct 26	**Ch 7 Jesus is Baptized**	• Explain the baptism of Jesus. • Jesus mission to teach God's love for all. • Grow to love and follow Jesus.	**7th Sunday after the Holy Cross and Sunday of Christ the King.** **All Saints Day, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation (explain the feast)**
Nov 2	**Ch 8 Our First Mysteries - Baptism**	• Takes away original sin. • Makes us God's children. • Makes us members of the church.	**Consecration & Renewal of the Church** = begins the Liturgical Year.
Nov 9	**Ch 9 Following Rules**	• Sin = disobey God. • Ten Commandments. • Jesus law based on love.	**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord** The season of "Happy Announcements" in preparation for the Birth of our Savior. **Announcement to Zechariah.** Are your students learning their prayers?
Nov. 16	**Ch 10 Sorrow for Sin**	• Sorry for our sins. • God forgives us. • Act of Contrition.	**Announcement to the Virgin Mary** **(No Class November 27, it's also the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth.)** Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving with your class to highlight our national theme of thanks.
Nov 23	**Ch 11 Oneness with God and Others.**	• Prodigal Son • Steps in Mystery of Penance. • Desire to be one with God and others through Mystery of Penance.	**Birth of John the Baptist** **Feast of Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Explain this feast to your class.
Dec. 7	**Teaching on the Feast of Christmas** & Play Rehearsal	• Present a review of the basic doctrine of our celebration of the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord.	**Revelation to Joseph** Play rehearsal during part of the class. A Christmas Play will be presented next week at the celebration, parents invited.
Dec 14	**Christmas Play**		**Genealogy Sunday** **(No class 12/25 and 1/1/2023)**
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LESSON OUTLINE – THE CHURCH

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Sept. 7	**First day of Class ☺**	Welcoming the students to religion class.	**Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** Blessing of the religion books at end of the Liturgy. They will be presented to the children in class. Use class time to welcome and get acquainted with the children (ice breakers). Guide them through the religion book to familiarize them with its resources.
Sept. 14	**Ch 1 God's Field**	• Church as a garden. • Maronite church = community of faith. • Faith grows with Jesus.	**Catechetical Sunday. 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross** Commissioning at Divine Liturgy. Assembly in the hall at 10:50 am. All attend.
Sept. 21	**Ch 2 Christ's Sheepfold**	• Jesus is the Good Shepherd. • God is a loving Father. • Listen and obey Jesus words.	**2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **ABOONA MEETING WITH PARENTS.**
Sept 28	**Ch 3 Temple of the Holy Spirit**	• Church is the temple of HS. • We are called to be a place where God can live.	**3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY** **We will have an activity to promote prayer of the Rosary to the children**
Oct 5	**Ch 4 Bride and Mother**	• Church is the Bride of Christ. • God loves the church like a mother. • Live each day as the Body of Christ.	**4th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 12	**Ch 5 We Are One**	• We are one heart and mind. • Six traditions of the Church. • Be united with all members.	**5th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 19	**Ch 6 We Are Holy**	• What is holiness? • How can we grow in holiness? • Turn away from sin = closer to God.	**6th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 26	**Lesson on the Saints** A supplemental lesson will be given to you to help you present our call to be a saint, and our family the Communion of Saints.	Present a teaching of the Maronite Saints pictured in your room. You will need to plan these teachings in advance.	**7th Sunday after the Holy Cross and Sunday of Christ the King.** **All Saints Day, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation (explain the feast)**

Nov. 2	**Ch 7 We Are Catholic**	• Church is Catholic = open to all. • Maronite Church =Church of all Nations.	**Consecration & Renewal of the Church** = begins the Liturgical Year.
Nov. 9	**Ch 8 We Are Apostolic**	• Maronite Church founded on the teaching of the apostles. • Discover our call to be apostles.	**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord** The season of "Happy Announcements" in preparation for the Birth of our Savior. **Announcement to Zechariah.** Are your students learning their prayers?
Nov. 16	**Ch 9 Church Leaders**	• How the Maronite Church is organized. • Duties of Bishop, Priest, deacons. • Develop qualities to be a church leader.	**Announcement to the Virgin Mary** **(No Class November 27, it's also the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth.)** Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving with your class to highlight our national theme of thanks.
Nov 23	**Ch 10 Consecrated Life**	• Consecration to God • Virtues: poverty, chastity and obedience. • Monasticism and Maronite Church.	**Birth of John the Baptist** **Feast of Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Explain this feast to your class.
Dec. 7	**Teaching on the Feast of Christmas** & Play Rehearsal	Using your book, present a review of the basic doctrine of our celebration of the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord.	**Revelation to Joseph** Play rehearsal during part of the class. A Christmas Play will be presented next week at the celebration, parents invited.
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LESSON OUTLINE – FOLLOWING JESUS

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Sept. 14	**Ch 1 What's Right? What's Wrong?**	• God is good and created the world. • God's gift of conscience to us. • How to grow in holiness by choosing good actions.	**Catechetical Sunday. 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross** Commissioning at Divine Liturgy. Assembly in the hall at 10:50 am. All attend.
Sept. 21	**Ch 2 Temptation and Sin**	• How to avoid temptation. • Sin breaks our relationship with God. • Resist sin and choose what is good.	**2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **ABOONA MEETING WITH PARENTS.**
Sept 28	**Ch 3 Making Good Choices**	• The graces of Baptism help us to resist temptation and grow in holiness. • How the Gifts of the Holy Spirit helps us to make good decisions. • Grow in desire to be faithful to our baptismal promises.	**3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY** **We will have an activity to promote prayer of the Rosary to the children**
Oct. 5	**Ch 4 Moral Virtues**	• Christian living = exercise of moral virtues. • Moral virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. • Mary as our role model of virtuous life.	**4th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 12	**Ch 5 The Bible Teaches**	• The Ten Commandments.	**5th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**

		• The Bible is the Word of God. • Grow in desire do God's will.	
Oct. 19	**Ch 6 Jesus Teaches**	• Virtues: faith, hope and charity. • The Golden Rule.	**6th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 26	Lesson on the Saints **Ch 8 Saints Teach** Present a teaching of the Maronite Saints pictured in your room. You will need to plan in advance.	• Saints are followers of Jesus. • Saints live heroic lives. • We are all called to be saints.	**7th Sunday after the Holy Cross and Sunday of Christ the King.** **All Saints Day, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation (explain the feast)**
Nov. 2	**Ch 7 The Church Teaches**	• Holy Spirit guides the moral teaching of the Church. • The Pope and Patriarch are teachers of right and wrong. • How the Church teaches us to live good and holy lives.	**Consecration & Renewal of the Church** = begins the Liturgical Year.
Nov. 9	**Ch 9 Worship God Alone**	• What does the 1st Commandment mean? • What are false gods? • The Blessed Trinity.	**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord** The season of "Happy Announcements" in preparation for the Birth of our Savior. **Announcement to Zechariah.** Are your students learning their prayers?
Nov. 16	**Ch 10 Respect God's Name**	• Respecting God's name with reverence. • How to have a sincere and loving relationship with God. • St John Chrysostom.	**Announcement to the Virgin Mary** **(No Class November 27, it's also the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth.)** Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving with your class to highlight our national theme of thanks.
Nov 23	**Ch 11 The Lord's Day**	• Why do we respect the Lord's Day? • Why is Sunday the Lord's Day? • The Resurrection of Jesus make all time holy.	**Birth of John the Baptist** **Feast of Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Explain this feast to your class.
Dec. 7	**Teaching on the Feast of Christmas** & Play Rehearsal	Using your book, present a review of the basic doctrine of our celebration of the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord.	**Revelation to Joseph** Play rehearsal during part of the class. A Christmas Play will be presented next week at the celebration, parents invited.
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Sept. 14	**Ch 1 Ordinary Signs**	• Identify 3 types of signs: word, picture and action. • What are the signs of God's love? • Sign of Cross = Christians.	**Catechetical Sunday. 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross** Commissioning at Divine Liturgy. Assembly in the hall at 10:50 am. All attend.
Sept. 21	**Ch 2 Jesus and Signs**	• Jesus uses signs to tell us he is the Messiah. • Miracles of Jesus. • Maronites as signs of God's love.	**2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **ABOONA MEETING WITH PARENTS.**
Sept 28	**Ch 3 Symbols**	• Difference between sign and symbol. • Symbols in the bible that describe God. • Symbols the church uses to help us grow in Faith.	**3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY** **We will have an activity to promote prayer of the Rosary to the children**
Oct. 5	**Ch 4 Jesus Used Symbols**	• List symbols Jesus uses to describe himself. • Symbols Jesus uses for the Kingdom of God. • The symbols found for the preparation of Christmas.	**4th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 12	**Ch 5 What is Liturgy?**	• Liturgy's purposes: to worship God and help people grow in holiness. • Roles of different people during worship. • Develop a desire to participate in Divine Liturgy.	**5th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 19	**Ch 6 The Church Year**	• Explore seasons of the Maronite Church Year.	**6th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**

		• How are these seasons connected to the Paschal mystery of Jesus. • St Maron as role model.	
Oct. 26	**Lesson on the Saints** A supplemental lesson will be given to you to help you present our call to be a saint, and our family the Communion of Saints.	Present a teaching of the Maronite Saints pictured in your room. You will need to plan these teachings in advance.	**7th Sunday after the Holy Cross and Sunday of Christ the King.** **All Saints Day, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation (explain the feast)**
Nov 2	**Ch 7 The Divine Office**	• Liturgy as prayer to God. • Explore one traditional Maronite prayer – Divine Office. • Deepen our desire to always pray.	**Consecration & Renewal of the Church** = begins the Liturgical Year.
Nov. 9	**Ch 8 Seven Holy Mysteries**	• Id the 7 Holy Mysteries. • How participating in the Mysteries makes us stronger in holiness.	**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord** The season of "Happy Announcements" in preparation for the Birth of our Savior. **Announcement to Zechariah.** Are your students learning their prayers?
Nov. 16	**Ch 9 Rites of Initiation**	• How Maronites are initiated into the Church today. • Increase our own sense of id with and belonging to the Maronite Church.	**Announcement to the Virgin Mary** **(No Class November 27, it's also the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth.)** Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving with your class to highlight our national theme of thanks.
Nov 23	**Ch 10 Baptism**	• Baptism makes us member of the Church and children of God. • Parts and symbols of baptismal ceremony. • Deepen the desire to live a members of God's family.	**Birth of John the Baptist** **Feast of Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Explain this feast to your class.
Dec 7	**Teaching on the Feast of Christmas** & Play Rehearsal	Using your book, present a review of the basic doctrine of our celebration of the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord.	**Revelation to Joseph** Play rehearsal during part of the class. A Christmas Play will be presented next week at the celebration, parents invited.
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LESSON OUTLINE: The BIBLE

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Sept. 14	**Ch 1 Our Family Story**	• Bible = Word of God. • Bible is the story of our family of faith. • Overview of 2 parts of the Bible. • Importance of Bible in everyday Maronite life.	**Catechetical Sunday. 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross** Commissioning at Divine Liturgy. Assembly in the hall at 10:50 am. All attend.
Sept. 21	**Ch 2 Expressing the Truth**	• The truth can be expressed by various types of writing. • Importance of interpreting Scripture correctly. • Grow in desire to study the Scriptures.	**2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **ABOONA MEETING WITH PARENTS.**
Sept 28	**Ch 3 Good and Evil**	• Explore the mystery of suffering and death. • Human happiness comes for loving and obeying God. • Develop you desire to choose good over evil.	**3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY** **We will have an activity to promote prayer of the Rosary to the children**
Oct. 5	**Ch 4 God's Promises**	• God has promised to be with us and save us. • Abraham and Sarah as role models of faith. • Strengthen your belief in God's loving promises.	**4th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 12	**Ch 5 Journey to Freedom**	• How the descendants of Abraham became slaves in Egypt. • Describe Exodus events of how God rescued His people.	**5th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**

		• Connect the Devine Service to the ancient Passover meal.	
Oct. 19	**Ch 6 Desert Miracles**	• Affirm God as all powerful and all-loving. • Discover the miracles that God gave to His people on their desert journey. • Grow in your belief that God know our needs and answers our prayers.	**6th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 26	**Ch 7 Sinai Covenant**	• Associate obedience to the 10 Commandments with identity as God's people. • Explore what each of the 10 Commandments means. Examples of ways we can obey the commandments today.	**7th Sunday after the Holy Cross and Sunday of Christ the King.** **All Saints Day, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation (explain the feast)**
Nov 2	**Ch 8 Twelve Tribes**	• Learn what happened to God's People once they entered the Promised Land. • Associate selfless living with faithfulness to God's covenant. • Describe ways we can grow in virtue, courage and loyalty.	**Consecration & Renewal of the Church** = begins the Liturgical Year.
Nov. 9	**Ch 9 Shepherd King**	• Observe how the 12 Tribes became more unified under one king. • Describe the story of how David, a shepherd boy became king. • Realize the God always forgives us when we are sorry for our sins.	**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord** The season of "Happy Announcements" in preparation for the Birth of our Savior. **Announcement to Zechariah.** Are your students learning their prayers?
Nov. 16	**Ch 10 Praise the Lord**	• Discover the meaning of sacrifice in ancient Jewish worship. • Explore the major Jewish holy days in the year. • Connect the praying of the psalms with a personal relationship with God.	**Announcement to the Virgin Mary** **(No Class November 27, it's also the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth.)** Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving with your class to highlight our national theme of thanks.
Nov 23	**Ch 11 Call to Repentance**	• Summarize how God raised prophets to call his unfaithful people back to Him. • Explore the message of the prophets Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. • Affirm our own call to repentance and conversion of heart.	**Birth of John the Baptist** **Feast of Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Explain this feast to your class.
Dec. 7	**Teaching on the Feast of Christmas** & Play Rehearsal	• Using your book (Chapter 7 review), present a review of the basic doctrine of our celebration of the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord.	**Revelation to Joseph** Play rehearsal during part of the class. A Christmas Play will be presented next week at the celebration, parents invited.

Dec 14	**Christmas Play**		**Genealogy Sunday (No class 12/25 and 1/1/2023)**
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GRADE: 7th

LESSON OUTLINE: Our Maronite Faith

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Sept. 14	**Ch 1 Faith: What is it?**	• Describe the meaning and role of faith in Christian life. • Connect our present-day Maronite faith with the creed of the apostles and first Christians. • Recognize the lived faith of Our Lady and how we can follow her example.	**Catechetical Sunday. 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross** Commissioning at Divine Liturgy. Assembly in the hall at 10:50 am. All attend.
Sept. 21	**Ch 2 One God**	• Identify Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the patriarchs - fathers of faith – of all Christians, Jews, and Muslims. • Examine our belief in one God who is a Trinity of three persons. • St Maron as the spiritual father of Maronites.	**2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **ABOONA MEETING WITH PARENTS.**
Sept 28	**Ch 3 God's Saving Love**	• Reflect on our belief in God's goodness, despite the presence of sin and suffering in the world. • Appreciate God;s saving love throughout history. • Believe that God loves each of us and is always with us.	**3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY** **We will have an activity to promote prayer of the Rosary to the children**

Oct. 5	**Ch 4 Jesus: Rock of Our Faith**	• Describe Jesus as the foundation of our Christian faith and life. • Reflect on our belief that Jesus is Messiah, Son of God, Lord, and Word of God. • Grow more solid in our own faith, as did the apostle Peter.	**4th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 12	**Ch 5 Waiting and Preparing**	• Explore the meaning of the Church's Season of the Glorious Birth of the Lord. • Affirm that God is with us now as he was with Zechariah, Mary, Elizabeth and John the Baptist. • Grow in the ability to hear and believe the Good News, following the example of St Joseph.	**5th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 19	**Ch 6 The Birth of Jesus**	• Connect the birth of Jesus with respect for all human life. • Recognize the importance of childlike peace in God's kingdom. • Examine our own call to be icons of God's love.	**6th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 26	**Lesson on the Saints** **Ch. 15 Communion of Saints**	• Recognize that God call everyone to holiness. • Appreciate our communion with the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory. • Understand some ways that Maronites venerate the saints.	**7th Sunday after the Holy Cross and Sunday of Christ the King.** **All Saints Day, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation (explain the feast)**
Nov. 2	**Ch 7 Epiphany**	• Explore the meaning of the feasts celebrated during the season of Epiphany – especially the baptism of Jesus. • Express the belief that God loves and offers salvation to all people. • Discover our own call to bring the light of God's love to others.	**Consecration & Renewal of the Church** = begins the Liturgical Year.
Nov. 9	**Ch 8 Becoming a Maronite**	• Describe the Mysteries of Initiation in terms of our faith in Christ. • Explore how Maronites celebrate the Mysteries of Initiation. • Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they help us live and grow in faith.	**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord** The season of "Happy Announcements" in preparation for the Birth of our Savior. **Announcement to Zechariah.** Are your students learning their prayers?
Nov. 16	**Ch 10 Healing and Reconciliation** (Ch 9 & 11 will be covered in Lent)	• The miracles and forgiveness of Jesus show how all people are called to enter God's Kingdom. • Explore the rite and meaning of the mysteries of Anointing the Sick and Reconciliation.	**Announcement to the Virgin Mary** **(No Class November 27, it's also the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth.)** Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving with your class to highlight our national theme of thanks.

		• Discover our own call to be ministers of healing and reconciliation.	
Nov 23	**Ch 12 Service of the Holy Mysteries**	• Describe the Eucharist as a mystery of initiation, healing and reconciliation. • Explore the main parts of Divine Service. • Affirm our belief that the consecrated bread and wine are truly the body and blood of Christ.	**Birth of John the Baptist** **Feast of Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Explain this feast to your class.
Dec. 7	**Ch.24 Prayer & Teaching on the Feast of Christmas**	• Define prayer and its five forms. • our call to pray both in private and with others. • Grow in our desire to pray • The Glorious Birth	**Revelation to Joseph** Play rehearsal during part of the class. A Christmas Play will be presented next week at the celebration, parents invited.
Dec 14	**Christmas Play**		**Genealogy Sunday** **(No class 12/25 and 1/1/2023)**
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GRADE: 8th

LESSON OUTLINE: Our Maronite Church History

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Sept. 14	**Ch 1 Called by God**	• Our call to be God's church has its roots in the call of Abraham and the 12 Tribes of Israel. • Connect the Church to both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. • Describe the Church's birth on Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.	**Catechetical Sunday. 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross** Commissioning at Divine Liturgy. Assembly in the hall at 10:50 am. All attend.
Sept. 21	**Ch 2 Living in Truth**	• Understand that the faith we profess as Church is the true faith. • Explain how early Christians, such as Stephen, spoke the truth about Jesus. • Explore the importance of truth in the lives of St Peter and Paul.	**2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **ABOONA MEETING WITH PARENTS.**
Sept 28	**Ch 3 We Believe**	• Explore some of what the Church believes about Jesus. • Recognize the responsibility of bishops to teach the truth about Jesus. • Appreciate the courage of the early martyrs, who died for what they believed.	**3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross.** **HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY** **We will have an activity to promote prayer of the Rosary to the children**
Oct. 5	**Ch 4 Religious Families**	• Explore the rise of monasticism as a way to	**4th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**

		show total commitment to Jesus. ● Summarize the lives of various saints who were ancestors in faith of our Maronite family. ● Discover ways we can imitate St Maron.	
Oct. 12	**Ch 5 Steadfast in Faith**	● Explore the history of the Monastery of St Maron in Syria. ● Explain the Maronites' stand in the Churchs' debate over the person and nature of Jesus. ● Affirm our belief in Mary as the Mother of God.	**5th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 19	**Ch 6 Journey of Hope**	● Understand why the Maronites moved from Syria to Lebanon. ● Explain why the Maronites elected their own patriarch. ● Appreciate the hope God gives us during times of struggle.	**6th Sunday after the Holy Cross.**
Oct. 26	**Ch 7 Spiritual Gifts**	● Summarize what the Church teaches regarding the use of Icons. ● Appreciate the role of religious music in teaching and prayer. ● Grow in awareness of our own spiritual gifts and our willingness to share them with others.	**7th Sunday after the Holy Cross and Sunday of Christ the King.** **All Saints Day, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation (explain the feast)**
Nov. 2	Ch 8 Different Traditions	● Consider some of the problems that led to the East-West Schism of 1054. ● Affirm the six Traditions of the universal Catholic Church. ● See that Church unity is an important goal to the Maronite Church.	**Consecration & Renewal of the Church** = begins the Liturgical Year.
Nov. 9	**Ch 9 In the Footsteps of Jesus**	● See how Maronite spirituality focuses on imitating the humility of Jesus. ● Reflect on the events leading to Jesus death on a cross. ● Describe how Maronites today celebrate the paschal mystery during Passion Week.	**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord** The season of "Happy Announcements" in preparation for the Birth of our Savior. **Announcement to Zechariah.** Are your students learning their prayers?
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