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Students, please **email** your completed exam by **Sunday, May 18, 2025**
to the **Church Office email address** as a **Word file** or a **PDF file**:
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1. In our Orthodox Christian faith we have as a guide the Holy Bible and Holy Tradition.

a. What is Holy Tradition?

b. Why is Holy Tradition so important in the Orthodox Christian Faith?

2. When God created Adam and Eve, He created them according to His image and likeness. He also gave them free will.

a. What is the importance of being created in God's image and likeness?

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b. Why did God give us, humans, free will?

3. Christ told us that He is the way, the truth, and the life. What does Christ mean by this?

4. One of the most famous sermon's that Christ gave was the sermon on the mount. There he talked about the beatitudes. Pick 2 of the beatitudes and explain what they mean and how we can follow those in our lives today.

a. Beatitude:

Explanation and how we can follow it:

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b. Beatitude:

Explanation and how we can follow it:

5. The Scribes and Pharisees were a group of Jews who observed the law of Moses very strictly. Christ said of the Scribes and Pharisees: "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me" (Matthew chapter 15).
- a. What did Christ mean by that?

b. Give some examples of how we sometimes can be like the Scribes and Pharisees.

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6.

a. Write a short summary of the healing of the man born blind in the gospel of John (John chapter 9).

b. From reading the story, who do you think was spiritually blind and who was spiritually able to see? Explain your answer.

7. In the story of the healing of the man born blind in the gospel of John (John chapter 9)

a. Why did the disciples ask Christ: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind"?

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b. How does that view differ from the way we, Orthodox Christians, view suffering in relation to sin?

8. Jesus through his ministry many times showed love for sinners. Three examples of those are the woman with the jar of ointment (Matt. 26:6-13; Mk 14: 3-9, Lk 7:36-50), the Samaritan woman by the well (John 4:1-42) and Jesus' interaction with Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10).
- a. Pick one of those stories and explain how we living in today's world can be similar to those people in the stories.

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- b. From that story that you picked in a) above, we see how Christ had such a meaningful impact when He engaged with the person in the story. Today it is very hard to see Jesus and have Him talk to us, like he did with those people at that time. Although we do not have Christ, we do have the Church to help us and guide us in our lives today. How does the Church can help people who are lost or are considered sinners?
9. Before Palm Sunday we celebrate Saturday of Lazarus, where we remember the raising of Lazarus, 4 days after he had passed away. After Christ's Resurrection, Lazarus like all the disciples of Christ, dedicated his whole life to Christ and became a bishop in Cyprus. What example can we get of how we should live our lives through the example of the life of Lazarus?

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10. Tell us about one thing that you feel has brought you closer to God and the Church during this school year?