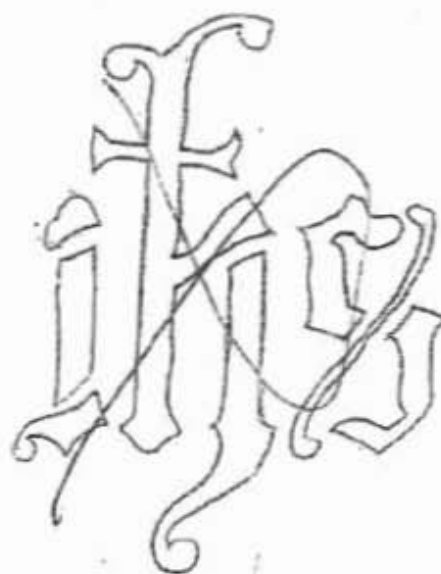


The Trinity:



This is the oldest symbol of God the Father. Shown reaching from the clouds with a nimbus (circle) of divinity around it, his divine hand is often seen in pictures of the Baptism of Jesus.



Symbol meaning "Jesus"

These three letters are the traditional symbol for the name of Jesus. They are the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek: iota, eta, sigma. The "I" is used since there is no "J" in the Greek alphabet. The cross in the "I" was originally used by scribes to indicate an abbreviation, and later assumed the form of a Latin cross that you see here.

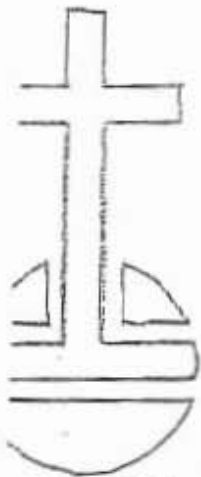


The Triquetra: Symbol of the Holy Trinity

This symbol, known as the Triquetra, is a traditional way of representing the Holy Trinity. Its three arcs, gracefully intertwined in a triangle, symbolize that God is Three—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (also called the Holy Ghost)—yet One.

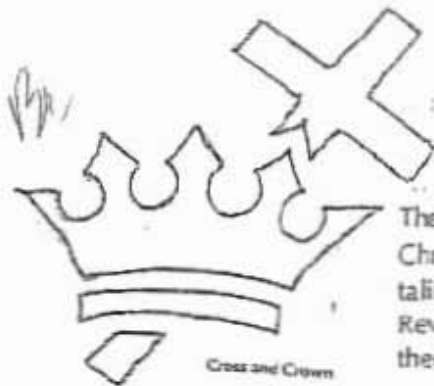


This ancient monogram is known as the Chi-Rho. A symbol for Christ, it combines the first two letters of the word "Christ" in the Greek alphabet. "X" (or Chi) is the Greek equivalent for "CH" and "p" (or Rho) is equal to the letter "R".



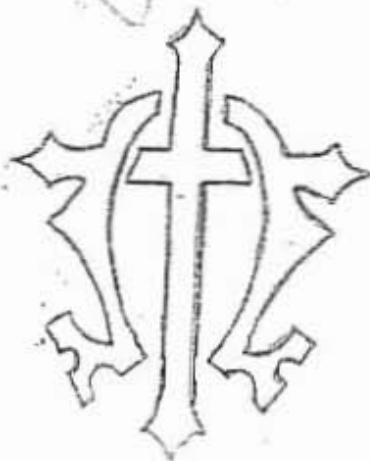
Cross of Triumph

The Cross of Triumph symbolizes the rule of Christ over the earth, which is signified by an orb.



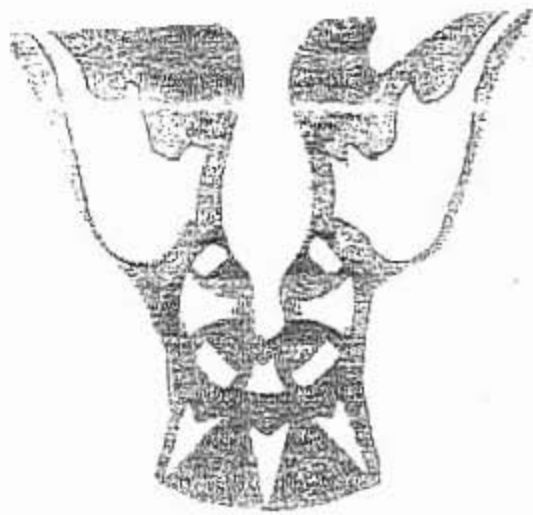
Cross and Crown

The cross and crown symbolize that faithfulness to Jesus Christ, symbolized by the cross, assures the crown of immortality to Christian believers. This symbol reflects the words of Revelation 2:10: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."



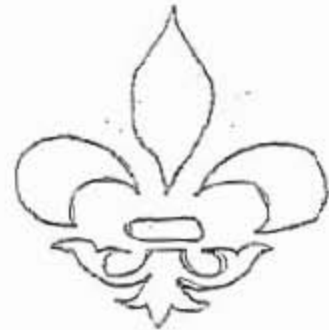
Alpha and Omega and Cross

The alpha and omega, the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, are merged with the Cross of Jesus in this image. It symbolizes Christ and reflects His words from heaven in Revelation 22:13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

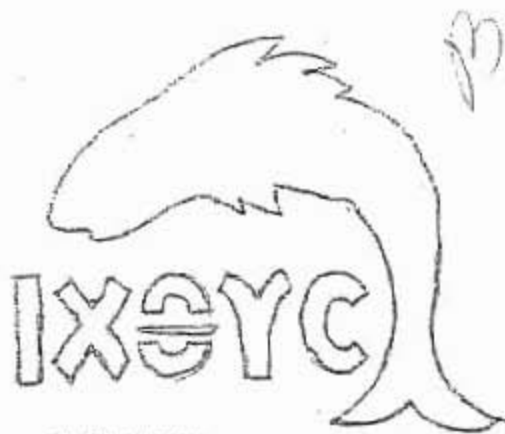


Descending dove with the three—rayed nimbus of divinity around its head is the most common symbol for the Holy Spirit, which is likened to a dove in accounts of the Baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10 and Luke 3:22.

The Fleur-de-Lys:
Symbol of the Holy Trinity,
also the Blessed Virgin



The fleur-de-lys is a symbol that has two Christian meanings. Because of its three flame-like blossoms, it is used to represent the Holy Trinity. This graceful device is used in heraldry as a reference to the lily, a flower that symbolized purity and was used to signify the Virgin Mary. Thus, the fleur-de-lys is also a symbol of the Blessed Virgin.



The Fish with IΧΘΥΣ

Symbol for Christ, the fish is one of the oldest Christian symbols. It is derived from the five letter Greek word for fish (ΙΧΘΥΣ in Latin characters), which are also shown here. Each letter each begin the words of the phrase "Jesus Christ, Son, Saviour." The fish was at first a secret symbol for Christians and was frequently used by early Christians during the time of Roman persecution.

The Church and Learning



Lamp: Symbol of Christian Knowledge

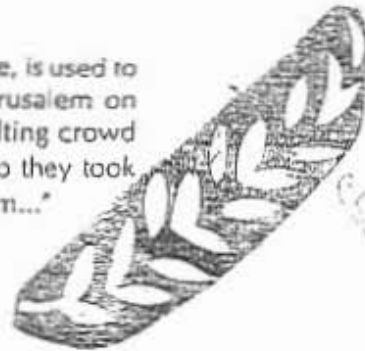
The lamp, symbol of Christian knowledge, represents the blessings that grow from the knowledge of God's Word. It reflects the verse of Psalm 119:105, which addresses God in this way: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."



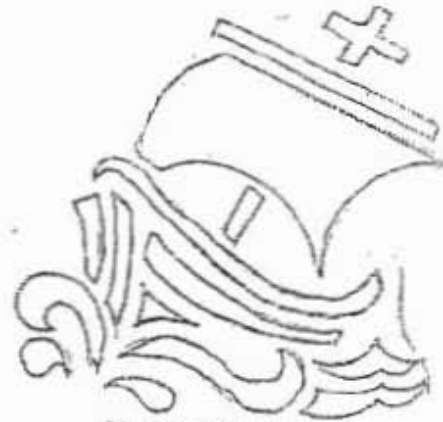
Symbol of Easter

The symbols of Easter combine the lighted candle and the word "Alleluia". The candle refers to the words of Christ in John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." "Alleluia" or "Halleluiah" means praise the Lord. Together, the symbol and the word represent the affirmation and praise for the resurrection of Christ at Easter.

The palm, an ancient symbol of victory and peace, is used to symbolize the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It reflects the greeting of the exulting crowd who met Jesus, as recounted in John 12:12: "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him..."



The Celtic Cross is usually associated with Ireland, where it was often used. It combines the Latin Cross (the simple cross, most familiar to those in the Western tradition, in which the lower part of the staff is about twice as long as the others) with a circle that symbolizes eternity.



Ship: Symbol of The Church

This symbol likens the Christian Church to a ship that carries the souls of believers through life's storms. Its captain is Christ and its destination is heaven.