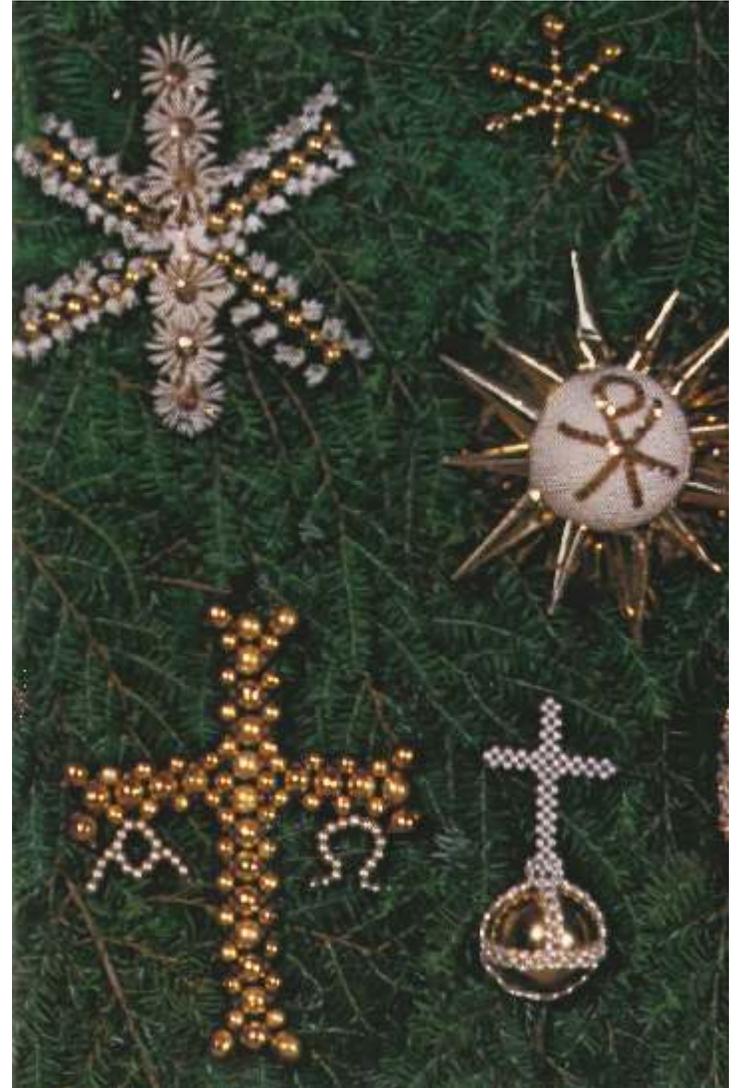


CHRISMONS



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The word "Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram". The word Chrismon has been adopted to refer to special Christmas tree ornaments that have been developed to display symbols of Christ. The designs of the Chrismons has over the years been extended to represent symbols of Christianity. All the ornaments are done in white and gold.

In 1957 Chrismon ornaments were made and displayed on a Christmas tree at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia. Through this church patterns were made available, and the idea of having a Chrismon tree has spread. Over the years more ornaments have been developed so that now a Chrismon may be a monogram, a sign, a symbol, a type, or a combination of such figures. The only requirement is that it refer primarily to Christ and God.



The Eight Pointed Star symbolizes regeneration through Baptism.



The Triquetra and Circle. The endless circle suggests eternity. The triquetra—the figure composed of three separate and equal arcs—symbolizes the One God who showed himself to man in three separate and distinct persons.



Christogram with Cross, Cho Rho, Triangle and M. The Chi Rho, Cross and Triangle are familiar symbols of Christ and the Trinity, M is the monogram for his mother, Mary, which suggests His humanity.



The Fleur-De-Lis is the conventionalized form of the lily, the flower of the virgin Mary, and the symbol of the annunciation of Jesus.



The Five-Pointed Star is the great symbol of the Epiphany; the star that led the three wise men to the nativity.



The Son of Righteousness symbolizes that like the sun, Christ the Son of God is the source of light and life to those who believe in Him.

GEOMETRIC SHAPES & LETTERS

AΩ The **Alpha and Omega** stands for Christ who says "I am the beginning and the end, the first and the last".

IHS IHS is the first three letters for Jesus in Greek.

Star of David The **Creator's Star** represents the six days of creation. It is also called the Star of David and is a symbol of Zionism.

Double Triangle The **Double Triangle** represents Perfect God and Perfect Man.

Triangle The **Triangle** represents the Trinity: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Three Circles Intertwining The **Three Circles Intertwining** symbolize the eternal quality of the Trinity since the circle has no apparent beginning or ending. Each circle represents one of the Persona in the Trinity.

Circle and Triangle The **Circle and Triangle** represent the eternity of the Trinity.

Chi Rho and Alpha & Omega The **Chi Rho and Alpha & Omega** together represent Christ along with the Alpha & Omega meaning "the beginning and the end" (Rev. 22:13).

Chi Rho **Chi Rho** is the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ.

CROSSES

Latin Cross The **Latin Cross** represents the kind of cross on which Jesus was crucified.

Jerusalem Cross The **Jerusalem Cross** is the symbol of unity of all Christians.

Calvary Cross The **Calvary Cross** is the Latin cross standing on the three steps which represent Faith, Hope, and Love.

Cross Crosslet The **Cross Crosslet** made by combining four Greek Crosses is the symbol of the spread of Christianity to the four corners of the earth.

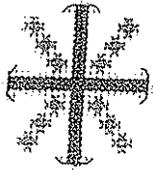
Celtic Cross The **Celtic Cross** has a circle at the top of the cross which represents "eternal life".

Cross with Orb **Cross with Orb** symbolizes Christ's dominion over the world.

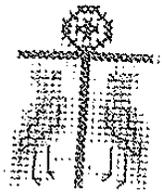
IC XC NIKA The **Letters IC XC NIKA** stands for "Jesus Christ Conquers"



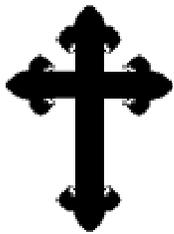
The Anchor Cross was used by early Christians as a symbol of their faith when they had to avoid recognition as Christians in order to avoid persecution.



Cross of Christ and the twelve apostles.



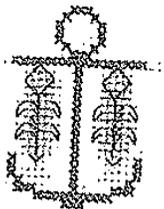
Coptic Cross with Birds represents the faithful.



Fleur-de-lis Cross consists of a fleur-de-lis, the symbol of Purity at each arm end.



Brazen Serpent on a Tau Cross refers to John 3:14, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up".



Anchor Cross with Fish symbolizes the faithful.



The Angel of God announced the birth and resurrection of Christ.



The Cup is the symbol of suffering. In Gethsemane Jesus prayed, "If possible let this cup pass from me". (Matthew 26:39)



The Heart symbolizes charity.



The Butterfly symbolizes the resurrection and life everlasting for the believer.



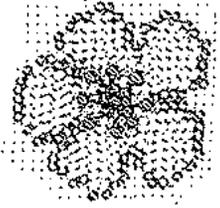
The Crown symbolizes the kingship of Christ and His victory over sin and death—"The King of Kings", the "King of Glory", "The King Eternal". It also symbolizes the reward of the faithful. (I Peter 5:4; James 1:12)



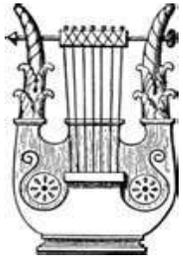
The Shell with Drops of Water represents Baptism.



The Ship is symbolic of the Church as it was opposed by persecution during the early days of Christianity.



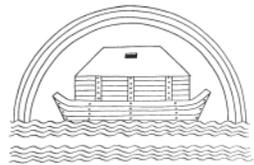
The Christmas Rose symbolizes the Nativity of our Lord.



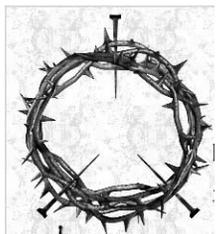
The Lyre represents David and his musical ability. It also stands for joy in praising the Lord.



The Descending Dove with a Three-Rayed Nimbus (Halo) around its Head is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.



The Ark and Rainbow are symbols of Noah, the flood, and God's promise. The ark is also a symbol of the Church.



The Crown of Thorns and Nails is a passion symbol of the crucifixion of the Lord.



The IHS Cross is the first three letters of the name Jesus in Greek. They are placed on a Greek cross. It symbolizes the sacrifice that Jesus made for our salvation.



The Tau Cross is a simple cross formed by the Greek letter "Tau". It is the most ancient of the forms of crosses. It is the Old Testament cross because it was the traditional sign made by the Israelites on the door posts of Egypt on the night of the Passover.



The Maltese Cross is formed of four spearheads with points touching at the center. The eight points symbolize the Beatitudes. The cross is the emblem of St. John the Baptist.

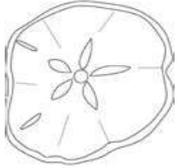


The Resurrection Cross symbolizes the new day which promises the forgiveness of our sins.



The Trefoil Cross with Dove is also called the Budding Cross or the Cross of Baptism. The three-budded clover represents a new believer and is the symbol of the Trinity. The dove represents the Holy Spirit.

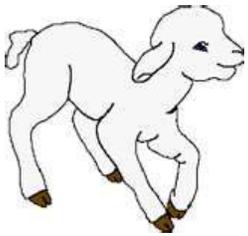
OBJECTS



The Sand Dollar is known as the Holy Ghost shell. The markings recall events in the life of Christ.



The Cross and Crown symbolizes the rewarding life for Christians after the death of the body. It also symbolizes that Jesus is King of Kings.



The Lamb is the symbol of Jesus Christ. (John 1:29) "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."



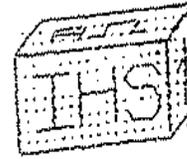
The Lamp stands for Wisdom and Knowledge. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)



The Chalice is used to symbolize the Passion. The Alpha & Omega represent the Beginning and the End.



The Scroll symbolizes the first five books in the Bible.



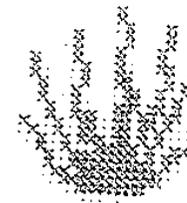
The Cornerstone "Christ Jesus Himself being the Chief Cornerstone" – Ephesians 2:20.



The Manger symbolizes the manger in which Mary placed the baby Jesus.



Grapes are used to symbolize the sacrament of Holy Communion.



The Seven Flames is a symbol of the coming of the Holy Spirit.



The Fish representing the Savior was used as a sign by early Christians. IXOYE is Greek for Jesus Christ, God's Son and spells the Greek word "Fish".



Three Fish United to Form a Circle reminds us that all three persons of the Trinity contribute to our salvation.