
Holy Ascension Orthodox Christian Mission

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from the heavens, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man;

And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried;

And arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into the heavens, and sits at the right hand of the Father;

And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

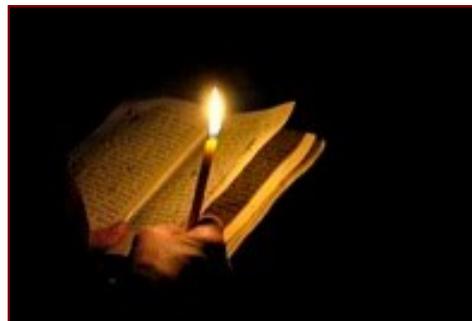
In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.



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**The
Orthodox
Prayer Corner**



*Let my prayer rise as
incense before You, and
the raising of my hands as
an evening sacrifice*

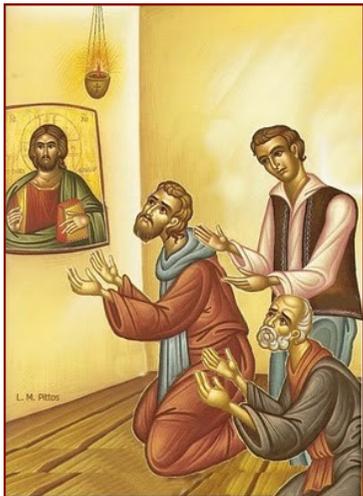
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ORTHOPRAXIA THE PRAYER CORNER

In the Orthodox Church, there are two types of worship. (1) Public or Communal worship which usually occurs in a church during a service and (2) Private worship which is accomplished by oneself in their own dwelling.

When Orthodox Christians worship and pray privately in their homes, they usually set aside a room or as is more common, a corner of their house for this purpose alone. The prayer corner, also known as the icon corner because of the prominence of icons on it, is a special place of prayer and meditation for the family and its individual members.



A prayer corner can consist of a table, usually a high one to make it easy to read from prayer books placed on it while we stand to pray. Along with various prayer books, the prayer corner also has icons of Christ and the Panagia which are virtually a must. It is customary to have the icon of Christ to the right of the icon of



Panagia (viewer's left). This is in accordance with Psalm 45: 9, "At Your right hand stands the Queen in gold from Ophir."

We may also add icons of other saints, especially those from whom we are named after and the patron saints of our family (this is a more common tradition amongst Serbian Orthodox and other Orthodox of Slavic background).



Two candles are usually placed on each side of the table and a censer can also be used to burn incense while praying. At the center of the table stands the vigil lamp. This consists of a glass which is filled with olive oil, and in which a floating wick burns with a low flame that does not flicker. It is recommended to add some water at the bottom of the glass before the oil is poured in. This ensures that the flame does not burn through to the bottom, when we do not top up the oil in time. Hence, we have our Prayer Corner or Icon Corner. In the Russian Orthodox tradition this is also called the Beautiful Corner as it is almost always the most decorated and adorned corner of the home.