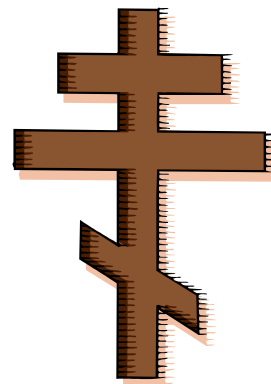
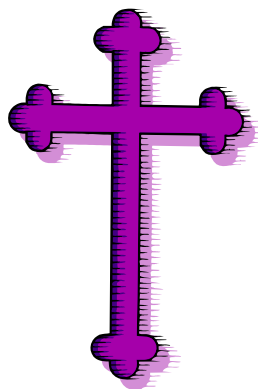
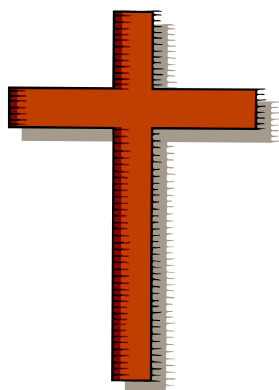
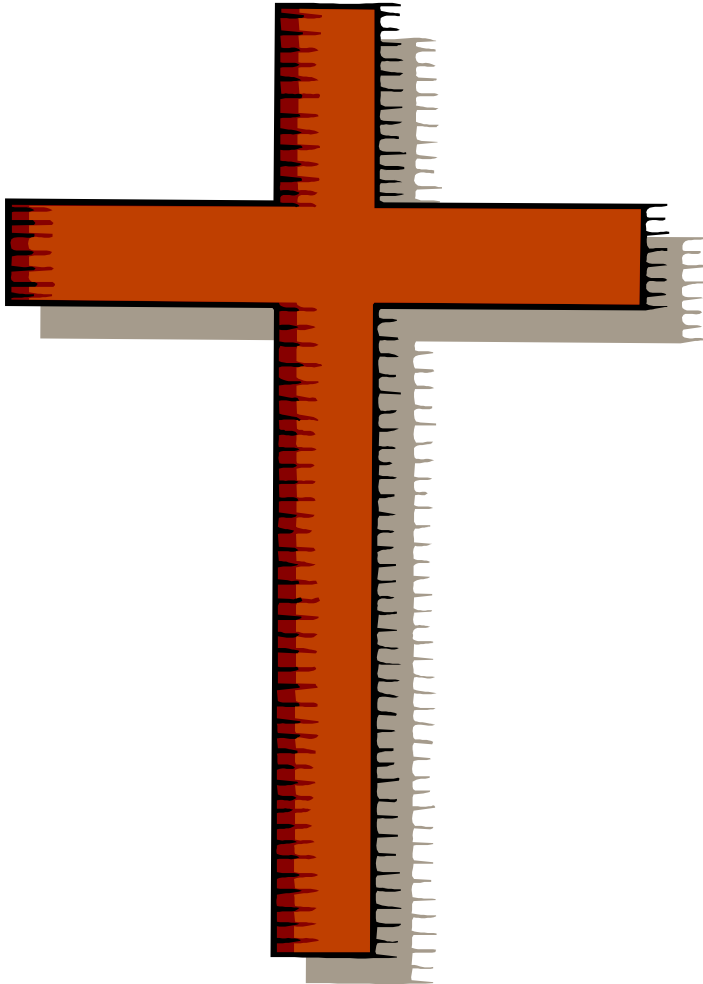


The cross is an important symbol for Christians. It reminds them that Jesus died on a cross.

Click on one of the crosses below to find out more about it.



Latin Cross

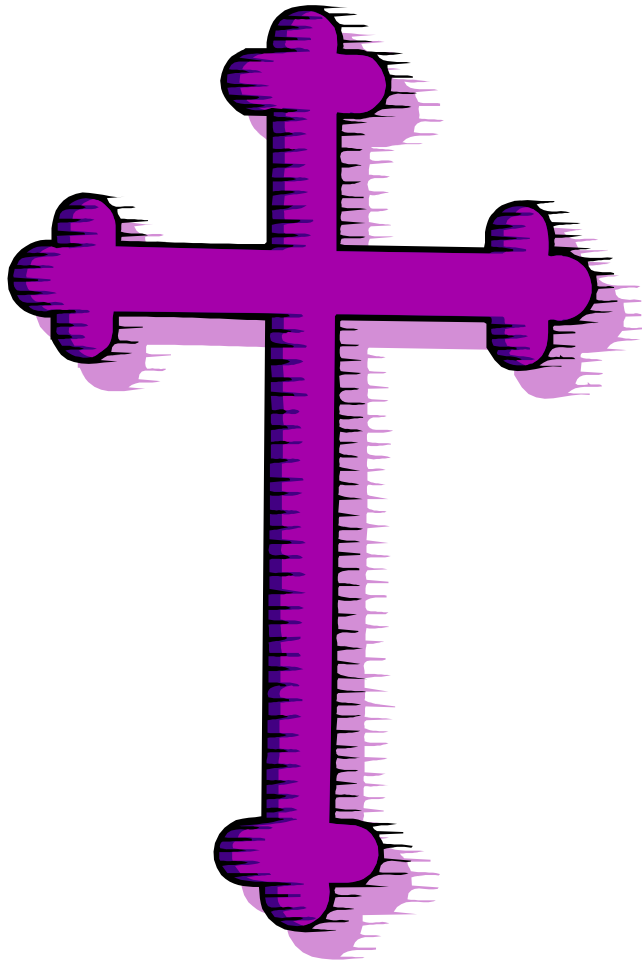


The simplest cross, also known as the Western Cross.

The floorplan of many churches is in this shape.



Budded Cross or Apostles Cross



The three “buds” on each arm of the cross are used to mean:

- The Holy Trinity
- The virtues of Faith, Hope and Love

Counted together, the 12 buds represent the 12 apostles (disciples), or followers of Jesus.



Celtic Cross

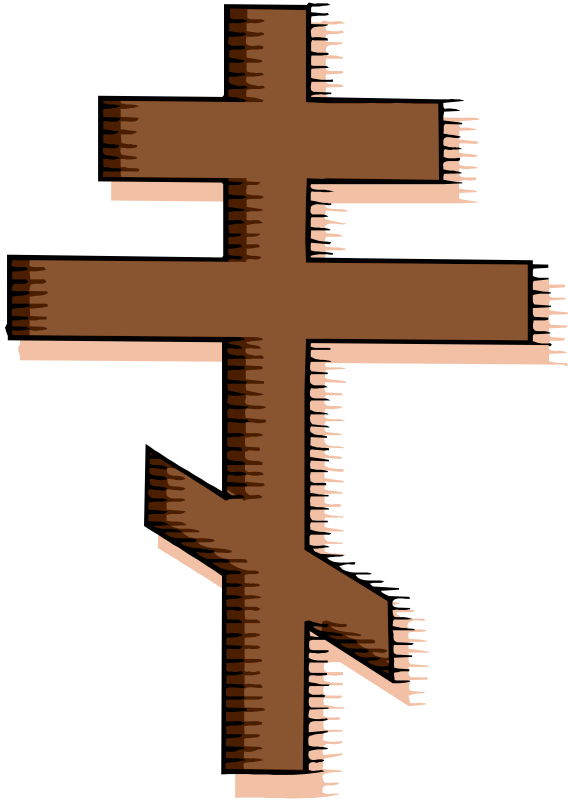


The Celts were originally pagans. The Celtic cross combines the Christian cross with ancient pagan symbols.

The circle represents the circle of life.



Russian Orthodox Cross



The Russian Orthodox cross has three bars. The top bar represents a sign placed over Jesus' head. The slanted bar probably represents St. Andrew's cross (which looks like an X). St. Andrew is believed to have introduced Christianity to Russia.



Palm Cross



The *Palm Cross* is used before Easter to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem just a few days before His crucifixion. It is made from palm leaves, because palm leaves were put in Jesus' path as he entered Jerusalem.

