



HOME ALTAR

SETTING UP AN ICON CORNER

Upon moving into a new home, the family should find the best place to pray. A public wall or corner facing east is preferable. The place should be suited for both family prayer and personal prayer, as well as home blessings and other priestly visitations. A table, shelf, or cabinet will serve well to store and display the following holy items:

- Icon of Christ
- Icon of the Theotokos
- A cross
- Icons of each family member's patron saint and any special saints or feasts
- Prayer Books
- The Bible
- Spiritual Books
- A Prayer Rope
- A Prayer List
- Lamp (oil, preferably, or wax candles)
- Other Seasonal or Special Items, including...
 - ◊ Holy Water and Holy Oil
 - ◊ Blessed Palms, Willows, Flowers, Bread, candles, etc.
 - ◊ Hand Censer with Incense and Charcoal
 - ◊ Seal for Baking Proskophora
 - ◊ Marriage Crowns (mounted on the wall or in a decorative box)



A Few Items to Keep in Mind:

- ◊ Our Icon Corner is a witness to our Orthodox Faith to our guests.
- ◊ Each Icon Corner should reflect the unity of the faith and the uniqueness of the family.
- ◊ It ought to be kept neat and clean.
- ◊ Prayer is the priority.
- ◊ It is also appropriate to have a prayer corner in each bedroom.

