

Chrismon Devotion

Stars

When formed by crosses set at angles, stars suggest the close relationship between the birth and death of our Lord.

"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage'" (Matthew 2:1-2).

There are a variety of star Chrismons on our tree with a different number of points:

- The Five-point Star is called the Epiphany Star. The star points to Jesus' divinity. The Epiphany Star has five points; it specifically refers to the revelation or showing of our Savior as the Son of God.
- The Six-point Star is called the Creator's Star and symbolizing God's relationship with humanity, unity, protection, and the merging of spiritual and physical worlds. In Judaism, this star is known as the Star of David. In Christianity, this star is known as the Creator's Star, showing God's presence at creation, in the form of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The Eight-point Star is called the Star of Redemption or Regeneration and represents baptism. Eight is traditionally the number of regeneration, and thus many baptismal fonts have an octagonal base.
- The Twelve-point Star symbolizes creation, balance, divine guidance, and spiritual wholeness, representing various groups like the 12 Tribes of Israel for the old covenant or the 12 Apostles for the new covenant through Christ

As the star led the Magi to Jesus, may these stars lead you to recognize Jesus in your life and in the world as our Messiah and Savior.



What is a Chrismon?

A Chrismon is a monogram, sign, or symbol referring to or pointing to Christ.