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Elevation of the Precious & Life-Giving Cross

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What Does the Cross Mean?

What does the Cross
mean to you?

Why do Orthodox Christians
make the Sign of the Cross?

Was the Cross always considered
something good?

What changed it into
a sign of victory?

Think · Listen · Discuss

What Was the Cross?

During the time of Christ, crucifixion was a terrible form of execution.

SUFFERING

SHAME

DEATH

This is what makes Christ's Cross so remarkable.

The Cross and Christ's Love

He gave Himself for us because of His love.

“Greater love has no one than this...”

John 15:13 — NKJV

The Cross Leads to the Empty Tomb

CROSS

Christ dies



RESURRECTION

Christ RISES



VICTORY

Death is defeated

Through His death and Resurrection,
Christ defeated sin and death.

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The Church remembers the finding and honouring
of the Cross of Christ.

Why “Precious” and “Life-Giving”?

PRECIOUS

Connected with
Christ Himself

LIFE-GIVING

Through Christ’s death
and Resurrection,
we receive life

What makes something precious?

Look Closely at the Icon

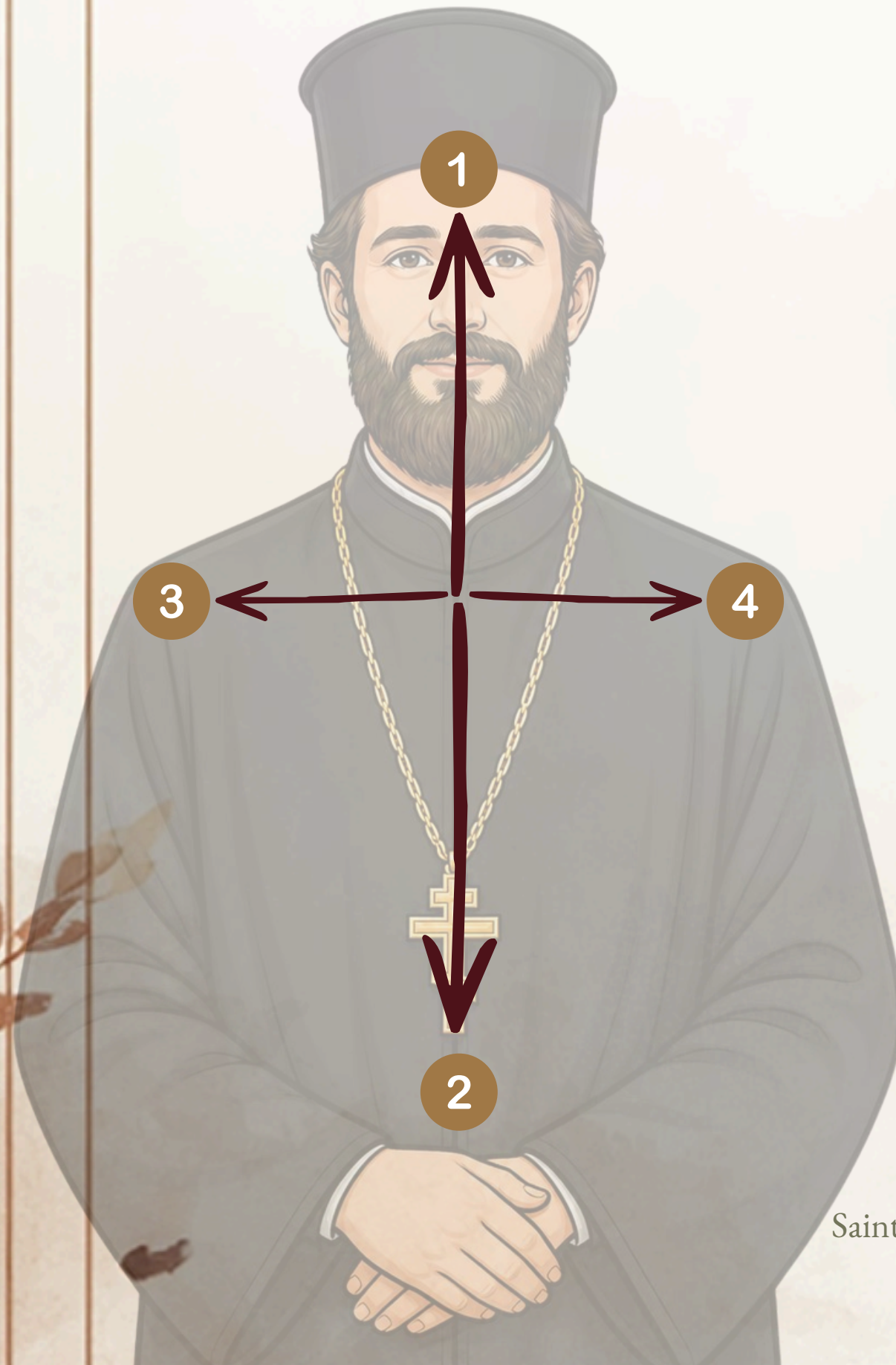


Where is your eye
drawn first?

What is being
lifted high?

How do the people
respond?

The Sign of the Cross



- 1 Forehead
- 2 Stomach
- 3 Right shoulder
- 4 Left shoulder

Father · Son · Holy Spirit

“Christ died and rose for me.”

Take Up Your Cross

*“If anyone desires to come after Me...
take up his cross, and follow Me.”*



Matthew 16:24 — NKJV

What does Jesus mean?

Following Christ When It Is Difficult

Taking up our cross does not mean
that we should look for suffering.

It means that when doing what is right is difficult, we
remain faithful to Christ.

What can make doing the right thing difficult?

What Might This Look Like?

Tell the truth

Forgive someone

Obey

Pray

Choose kindness

Which one can be hardest? Why?

Following Christ is shown in real choices.

Key Vocabulary

CROSS

Christ was crucified on it; the central symbol of Christianity

CRUCIFIXION

Christ's death on the Cross

RESURRECTION

Christ rising from the dead

SALVATION

God's saving work

My Cross This Week

One way I can follow Christ this week is...

Write or draw:



Today We Learned...

Through Christ's death and Resurrection,
the Cross became a sign of salvation, love,
and victory over death.

SALVATION

LOVE

VICTORY

When you see the Cross, remember Christ.