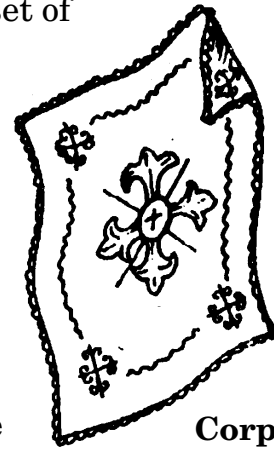




## Sacred Altar Utensils

The **Corporal** is a small piece of cloth usually made of silk or linen and embroidered with cross designs. A set of **corporals**, usually twelve, is used during the Divine Liturgy to cover the paten, the chalice, and the prosphering. These **corporals** are also used to wipe the altar and the sacred vessel. The celebrant priest uses the **corporals** according to the traditional liturgical rite during the course of the Divine Liturgy.



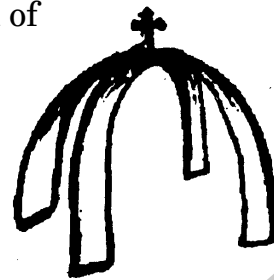
Corporal

The **Paten** is a small round tray with a flat surface and raised edge. It does not have a base or support. There are no designs engraved on the paten for it must be smooth. The bread or 'the Lamb' is placed on it and consecrated into the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ during the Divine Liturgy. The **paten** represents the manger of Bethlehem where the Lord Jesus Christ was placed after His birth. The **paten** has a practical purpose in that it prevents any fraction of the Holy Body from falling.



Paten

The **Star** consists of two arched bands, held by a screw, passing over each other in the shape of a cross. There is a small cross on its top. It is placed over the paten and serves as a support to the corporals. It represents the **star** which stood over Bethlehem when the Lord Jesus Christ was born.



Star