

DIORAMA
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Church Diorama

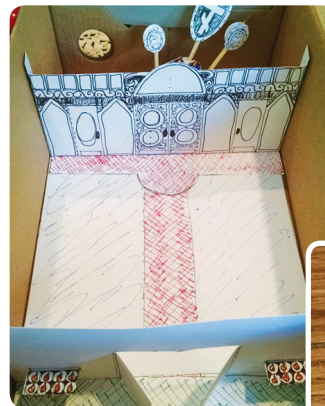
SHOEBOX

Directions for making your own Shoebox Church Diorama

1. Find a standard size shoebox.
2. Photocopy the following three pages onto cardstock.
3. Color!!
4. Cut out all the pieces along the thick black lines
5. Fold all tabs along the dotted lines
6. Place the largest flooring panel along the back wall of the shoebox. This will be the floor of the Narthex and the Nave.
7. Place the smaller flooring panel with the curved bump (this is called the ambon) into the box, with the straight edge along the front wall, so the ambon overlaps the "aisle".
8. After folding the tabs back on the two candle boxes, tape (or glue) the candle tabs to the places marked "candles" on the narthex wall. Then slip the narthex wall into your shoe box along the designated line in the floor panel. You may opt to secure this in place with some glue or tape.
9. Slip your iconostasis into place in the same way

as well, just behind the "ambon", securing it in place if desired.

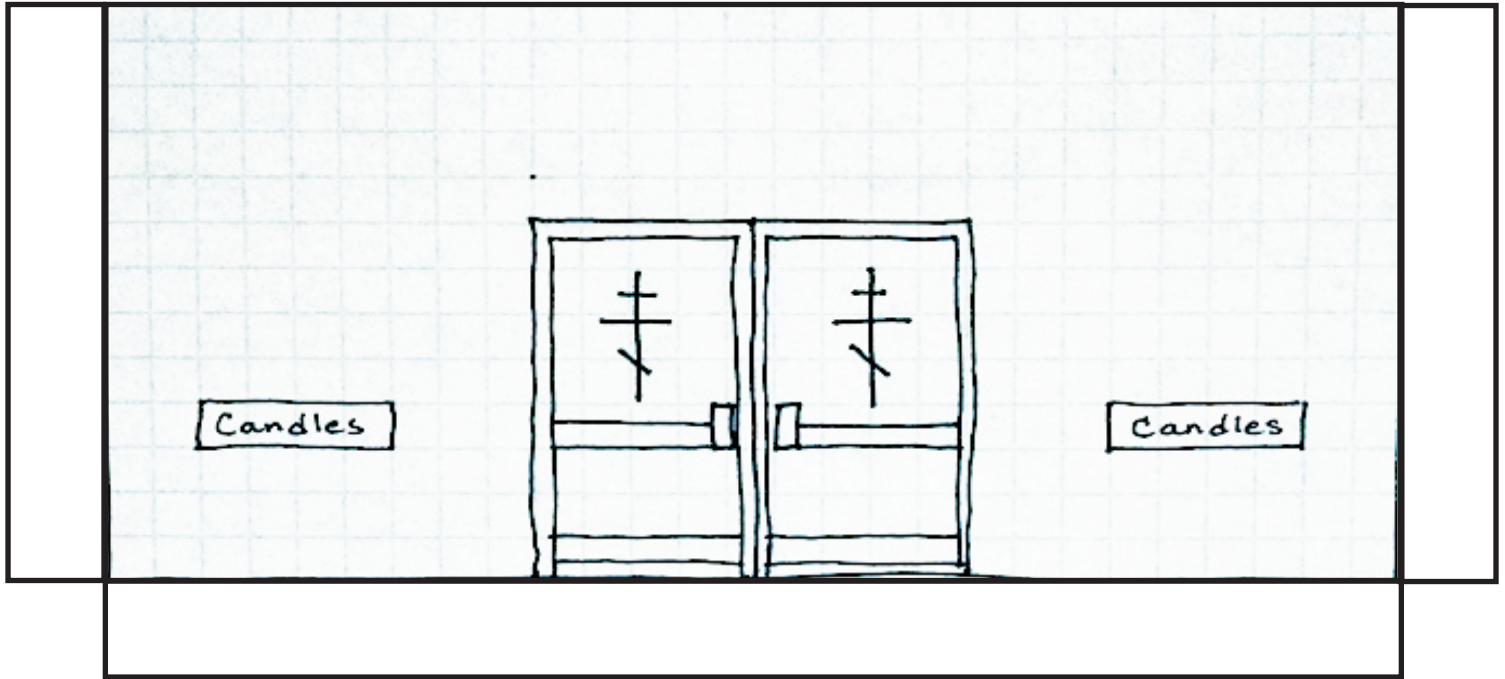
10. Set your tetrapod (with the icon on it) in place so little imaginary believers can venerate it when they enter your little church!
11. Now it's time to work on the sanctuary. Find the Proskomedia table (with the chalice, disks, and cloth) and having folded the front and back along the dotted lines, set it up along the left wall.
12. Note the row of three black dots along the back of the top of the Holy Table, and on the bottom of the Candelabrum These are where you'll need to poke some holes for your processional cross and ripidia. Begin by making some pilot holes with a needle or straight pin, then use your toothpick to widen them a bit.... but not too much! You want them just big enough to hold the toothpicks straight up.
13. Tape or glue (and allow to fully dry) each of the ripidia and the processional cross to the top of a toothpick, then poke the other end through the back of the candelabrum and into the hole in the back of the altar, so that the cross is in the center and there is a ripidion on either side, and the candelabrum ends up in front of them. Tape, or glue, the back of the candelabrum onto the three toothpicks to hold it up and secure it in place.
14. After folding the tabernacle in half, set it upon the Holy Table.
15. Stand back and take a



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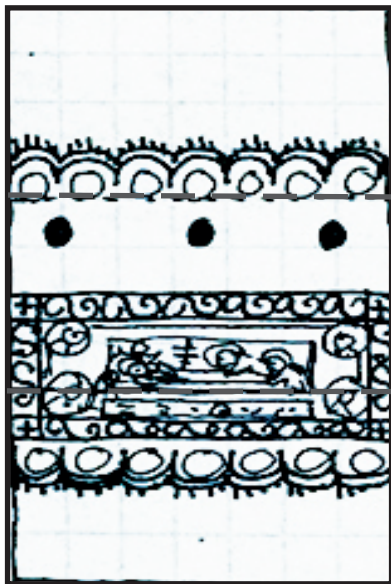
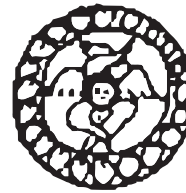
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FANS

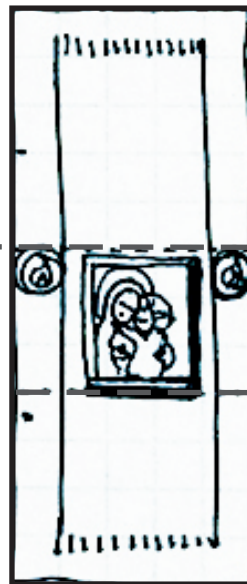
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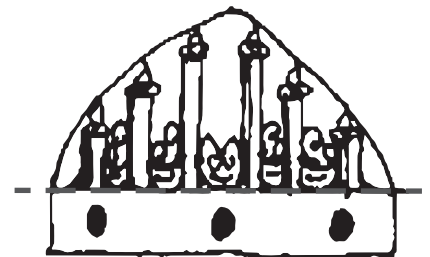
HOLY TABLE



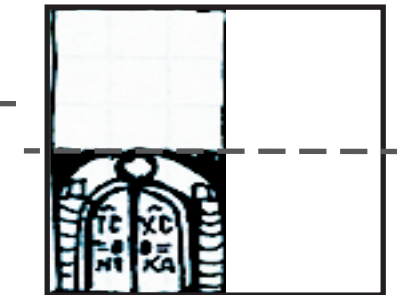
PROSKOMEDIA



TETRAPOD



CANDELABRA

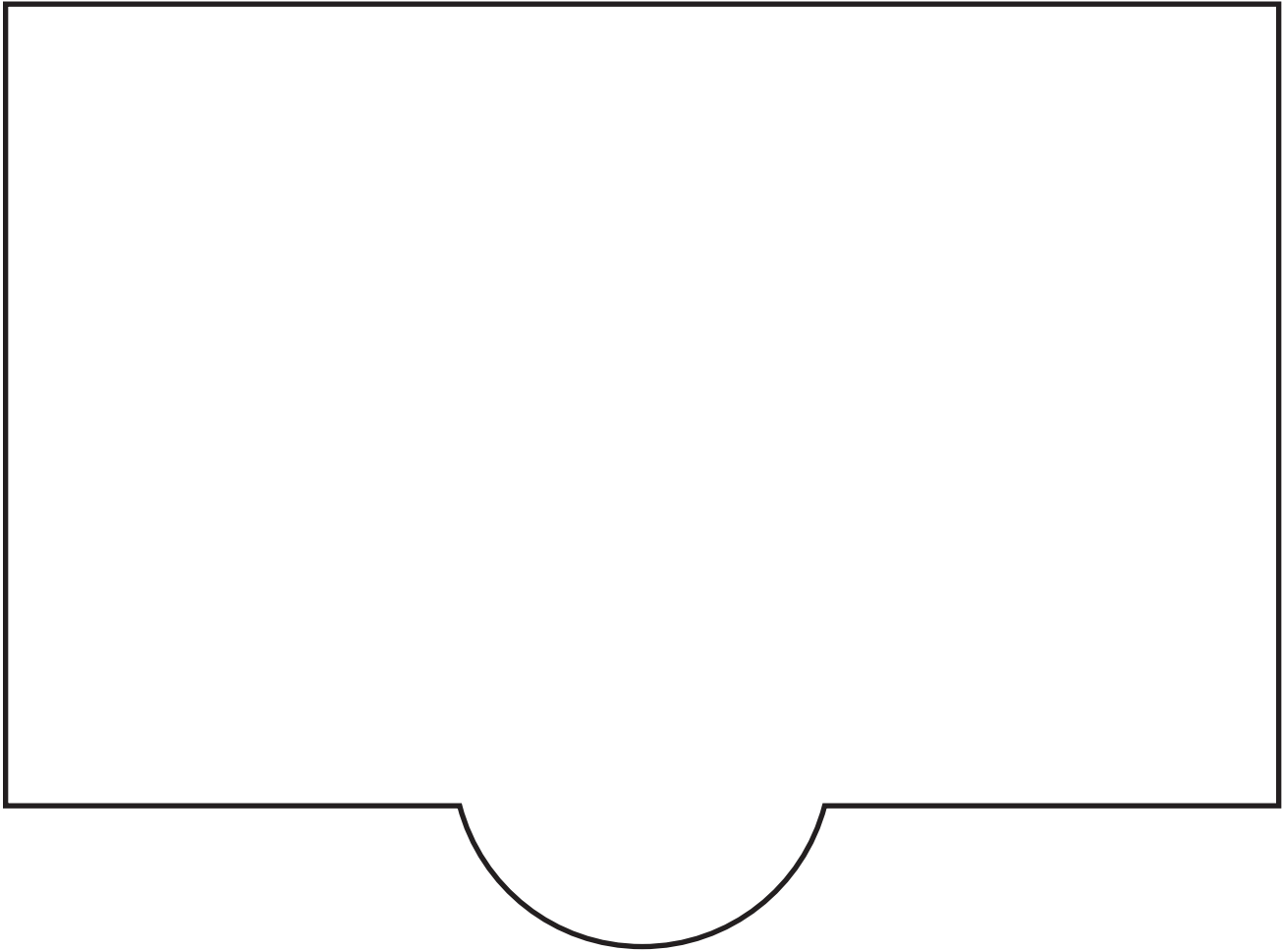


TABERNACLE

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ICONOSTASIS

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