

## THE SMALLER STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS

In addition to the large stained-glass windows with their artistic representations of saints, holy men and women not yet declared saints, archangels, and the Holy Trinity, our church also has a number of smaller windows that add to its beauty. Look at these identical windows and notice the shapes and the colors. We see a cross, a circle, triangles, and groups of four. We see what seems to be the shape of a chalice. What do these symbolize? The cross, of course, symbolizes Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. A circle symbolizes eternity. The chalice is the cup holding the consecrated wine, the blood of Christ. A group of four suggests the four gospels. A triangle may symbolize the Trinity. Notice the colors: gold, violet, purple, green, white, red, light blue. They are all liturgical colors, colors for different feasts and seasons of the church year. The one exception is light blue; it is not pre-scribed for feasts of Mary, yet it remains a color we associate with Mary. She is the queen of heaven after all, and often she is depicted wearing a blue garment or mantle. Perhaps you can find other symbols and meanings within these windows.

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