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BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION:

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star was registered as a corporate body with the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the 25th day of March 1964.

DESCRIPTIONS:

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is a christian organisation.

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is neither a political party, a secret society nor anything of this world. It is the New Kingdom of God, instituted and governed by God Himself. Brothers and Sisters should live in oneness. "Brother" or "Sister" is our real name. (Matthew 23:8).

"But be not ye called Rabbi; for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

(1) To advance christian religion by spreading the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all parts of the world. (John 20:21).

"Then said Jesus to them again, peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

(2) To carry-out Practical Christianity. Healing the sick, helping the poor, and relieving the distressed and to follow the footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ not only by preaching the gospel but by practising same.

(3) To establish christian schools, colleges and universities as the need arises and shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant Education policies of the Government concerned.

(4) To love one another - Matthew 22:37-40

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou, shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

MOTTO:

1. LOVE: Love ye one another even as Christ loves you
2. FAITH: Have faith in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
3. HOPE: Hope in God perpetually (1st Corinthians 13:13)

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity (Love)."

HEAD OF THE ORGANISATION:

LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU is the Leader and the SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

BROTHERHOOD UNIFORM:

The official uniform of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is white garment with a cape known officially as the soutane in conformity with what is recorded in Revelation of John the Divine.

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?"

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. (Rev. 7:13-17).

(Rev.19:8)

"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Brothers and Sisters use the same uniform, apart from the fact that sisters use white headties.

WEARING OF SHOES:

It is the doctrine of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star not to wear shoes into the Bethel or the house of worship, knowing too well that we are in the presence of God.

"Then said the Lord to him, put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is Holy ground". (Acts 7:33)

God is holy and all worshipers of God must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

LEVIES:

There is no imposition of levies in Brotherhood. Everything is done out of free will. Every one should give freely as much as he or she is given the ability. No one is to be forced. Do not make any vow when you have no intention to redeem.

TITHES:

Everybody must pay 1/10 of his/her earning as tithe to God. Bethels, Associations, and Fellowships must pay tithe from proceeds realised from functions. Tithe payment is a secret between you and your God. Malachi 3:7-12.

Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from time ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me; even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

CONTROL OF TITHE BOX:

(a) Bethel:

The Bethel Leader's Representative, the CNTM in the Bethel, General Fellowship Chairman and the Secretary should jointly take charge of the tithe box. Records of the proceeds and evidence of payment should be properly kept in the Bethel.

On no account should the tithe box be opened without the presence of at least three of the members earlier mentioned.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES:

Members of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are not expected to resort to litigation as a means of seeking redress for wrong done to them. Disputes are to be settled among brethren. However if an agreement cannot be reached the matters should be taken to the Peace Board as a final resort.

- (a) First, according to the divine instruction in Matthew 18:15-16.

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee, and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

- (b) If (a) fails, the various arbitration procedures as established by each fellowships should be followed.
- (c) If (b) fails, the case is brought before the Executive of the General Fellowship.
- (d) When all these fails the matter should go to the arbitration Committee set up at the Zone, Area, State etc., before going finally to the Peace Board at the World Headquarters in Calabar.

Brotherhood is a spiritual kingdom where love, peace and joy reigns.

"Now the Lord is that spirit: and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2nd Cor. 3:17)

Under no circumstances should Brotherhood members take their disputes to outside the fold.

BETHEL LEADER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

- (a) These officers, a brother and a sister are always nominated by members of the bethel for ratification by the Holy Father through his representative at the Area or State level
- (b) They are to keep the Area representative fully informed on the activities within their bethels.

- (c) They should endeavour to attend all meetings, functions, morning and evening prayers so as to keep abreast with all activities within their Bethel. They are answerable to the Area Leader's Representative.

AREA LEADER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

The officer is appointed by members of the area and ratified by the State L/R. His duties is to co-ordinate the activities of the Bethels within his area through the Bethel L/R's. He reports to the State L/R. He is answerable to the State Leader's Representative.

STATE LEADER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

This officer is appointed by the Holy Father. He receives reports from Area Leader's Representatives and co-ordinates the activities of areas with the State. He reports to the regional Leader's Representative. He convenes regular meetings of the State for effective and smooth running of Areas within his supervision.

He is answerable to the regional Leader's Representative.

MOTHER:

As the name implies, a mother is expected to behave as a mother to all members. She is expected to adopt a motherly approach to all matters, including the preparation and distribution of feasts, taking care of the welfare of visitors to Bethels. She is to carry out her functions through the full support of Bethel/Area or State authorities as the case may be.

REGIONAL LEADER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

The Regional Leader's Representative is appointed by the Holy Father to provide purely supervisory functions over the duties of State Leader's Representatives in the administration of their States.

All reports from States, Countries etc. meant for the World Headquarters should pass through the Regional Leader's Representatives; They are answerable to the King of kings.

FULL TIME WORKERS:

These are trained, designed and posted by the Holy Father. When the Father designates anybody a full time worker, He gives him/her a letter signed and stating his/her duties. Anybody who claims to be a full-time worker without a letter of authority from the Holy Father should not be accepted in any Bethel.

PREACHING FROM THE PULPIT:

No conductor should at anytime raise his/her hands in the pulpit during singing of introits or silent prayers like the Holy Father does. In

Brotherhood there is no man or woman, therefore all are authorised by the HOLY SPIRIT to preach. The work is performed by the Holy Spirit.

Gal. 5:18 "But if ye be led of the spirit, ye are not under the law" 1st Thess. 5:19 "Quench not the Spirit".

GOING ON BLESSING

We go on blessing orderly and with everybody in step and with both hands clasped together, finger-to-finger, as is done while praying.

Blessing should be done pew by pew and with total humility. One has to concentrate and focus his/her whole mind on the blessing he/she is receiving while on procession.

LEADER'S NAME:

No one should use the Leader's name in writing to the Government, Societies or Individuals or for your business transactions. If the Father (Leader) decides to go into correspondence with anybody, He will do so personally. When going on your business trips do not hide under the soutane or use Brotherhood name under the pretense of going on missionary work.

PENTECOSTAL PERIODS:

Pentecostal period serve as periods of revision of lessons taught during the preceding terms. they are also period of spiritual re-awakening when the Father uses His Holy words to cleanse us. In all areas where there are designated Pentecostal Centres. Brethren should take full part in Pentecostal Assemblies and meetings and endeavour to go to Calabar where the School of Practical Christianity is established and hear from the Supernatural Teacher Himself and receive His blessings.

There are three Pentecostal periods observed in Brotherhood namely:

- (1) **EASTER PENTECOSTAL**
- (2) **AUGUST PENTECOSTAL**
- (3) **DECEMBER PENTECOSTAL**

These Pentecostals are always preceded by three days dry fasting which helps to prepare us for the Pentecostal Assembly.

(1) The April Pentecostal serves to remind us of the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We remember and honour him because he was crucified for our sins and through the shedding of His precious Blood and death, He redeemed the whole world.

The three days' dry fasting we do signified His three days and three nights in the grave. We normally observe this fasting one week before each Pentecostal Assembly begins in order to prepare and sanctify ourselves and make our bodies pure and acceptable to God for His service.

(2) It was on 8/8/58 that members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star first put on white apparel and march from 8 Eton Street to 26 Mbukpa Road. That marked the beginning of the Pentecostal Assembly for Brotherhood and that was the day Christ was revealed to the whole world. Before then Brotherhood of the Cross and Star was not heard much of and was not very much known about.

LEADER'S OFFICER:

The Leader's office, which consists of two main units namely His Holiness the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords and Her Holiness the Holy Queen Mother's offices, is more or less the control tower of the whole system in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. It is the only official source where authentic information is obtained. Reports from States, Countries, Fellowships, requests for full time workers are treated here.

Remittance of proceeds from tithe box, registration of new bethels. Healing homes, Spiritual hospitals, are also done in the same office.

The following units are under the control of the King of Kings and the Queen Mother's offices in the Leader's office.

- (1) The Treasury
- (2) The Printing Press
- (3) The Everlasting Gospel Centre
- (4) The Sure Foundation Compilation Office
- (5) The Trumpet of the New Kingdom
- (6) The Brotherhood Bookshop
- (7) The Brotherhood Guest House.

THE SACRAMENTS OF BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR

This New Kingdom has eight Sacraments namely:

- (1) Child Blessing
- (2) Baptism of Repentance

- (3) Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- (4) Love Feast
- (5) Marriage Blessing
- (6) Confirmation of membership
- (7) Feast of Faith
- (8) Feast of Hope

(1) **CHILD BLESSING:**

Child blessing is mandatory for any child born into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. The child blessing can be done either during morning prayers or evening prayers but has to be on the eight day of the child's birth and the parents are expected to provide a fruit feast.

(2) **BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE:**

Everybody seeking the Kingdom of God, should be baptised into Brotherhood whether he/she had been baptised before in any other church organization. (This is stated in Ephesians 4:5). *"One Lord, one faith, one baptism."*

People can be baptized in all parts of the world. One needs not come to Calabar to be baptized. Philip baptized Ethiopian Eunuch while he was going somewhere and he received the Holy Spirit and was saved.

Child Baptism: The Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has no age limit for baptism. As adults need salvation, so do the little children.

PROCEDURE FOR BAPTISM:

The form of our baptism is by emersion, we do follow the steps as laid down by our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in John 3:5.

Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God"

Mark 16:16

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Once baptized and annointed one becomes part of the fold where there is one body and one spirit and become to other brethren in the Lord, one faith and one baptism.

Our belief is very strong that as many of us as were baptised in the name of Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:27.

For there are THREE that bear record in heaven, the Father and the Holy Ghost and these THREE are but One.

“And there are THREE that bear witness on earth, the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood and these THREE are One.” 1st John 5:7-8.

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19.

Note: Nobody should be coaxed or intimidated or threatened or begged to accept baptism into Brotherhood. Before anyone is baptised, he/she must believe in Our Lord Jesus Christ as the only Son of God. Son of man and God Himself. He/she must accept to resign his/her membership of all secret societies and cults. And do away with charms and concoctions, rings, talisman and occult books and practices otherwise the baptism is of no benefit. It is necessary for people to know what they are baptising into.

The day anybody is baptised into Brotherhood is the most important day in the person's life and he/she should not fail to celebrate with a feast. It is a day of salvation, a day of joy and a day of peace.

(3) BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

We are being purified through the Word of God. When hearing the words and putting same into practice there we are made clean.

John 15 : 3

“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”

1st Peter 1 : 23

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

(4) LOVE FEAST:

This is taken generally by every member of the fold irrespective of your rank at anytime. Love feast in Brotherhood is very sacred and can

accomplish almost anything. Love feast can be celebrated with any amount because there is no price tag on feast.

It is not something you should eat till you eat no more. Thus a piece of bread, or biscuit, a piece of banana, orange, paw-paw, pineapple and small quantity of rice is enough for a love feast.

Fruit feast may consist of the following items:

- (a) Banana
- (b) Paw-paw
- (c) Ground nut/Pea nut
- (d) Bread
- (e) Garden eggs
- (f) Coconut
- (g) Apple
- (h) Pears etc. etc.

FULL FEAST:

Full feast may contain all the above mentioned items in addition to the following:

- (a) Rice
- (b) Yam
- (c) Plantain
- (d) Garri/Ground rice etc. etc.

Love Feast should be bought, prepared and eaten with the utmost reverence and respect. Nobody should struggle or fight for feast. When the feast is being served everybody should kneel down in humility and partake of the feast. Brethren should take only one piece as the tray is passed round.

(5) FEAST OF HOPE:

To commemorate the Passover or last supper, during which Our Lord and Saviour changed Bread to His living Body and Wine to His priceless Blood. This feast requires those who have love, hope and faith especially those who have mortified the flesh as written in (Gal. 5 : 22 - 24).

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust."

1st Corinthians 11 : 20 -34

"When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread:

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying. This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat do this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthy, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come."

(7) BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Marriage is recommended to all brethren of the fold if they so wish but on one condition that a man be husband to one wife and the woman be wife to one husband. Solemnization of marriage in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the highest anybody can desire because it is done by the Holy Spirit. The Father, therefore, advises that all brethren have their marriages blessed. Even if you were married in the court of church before your baptism into the fold, you are still advised to have your marriage blessed. If you cannot remain faithful to one man or one woman then celibate. Trial marriages are not allowed in Brotherhood.

Once your marriage is blessed you cannot marry again except:-

- (a) A partner is caught in *adultery*
- (b) A partner dies

The occasion of marriage blessing is preceded by a full service

(8) CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

Anybody who wishes to be a full member of this organisation must have to pass through the under mentioned staged in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. He/she must be a baptised member and obtained the following credentials for identification:-

- (a) Membership Card
- (b) Baptismal Certificate
- (c) Men/Women Fellowship Cards
- (d) General Meeting Card and
- (e) Payment of regular tithe.

MEMBERSHIP

(a) All members should pray daily wherever they are. Luke 18: 1 And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint.

(b) Members should sing from the Hymn Books, Psalms and Spiritual Songs.

Col. 3 : 16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs singing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

(c) Members should always search the scriptures. 1 Tim 4 : 13. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

(d) Members should always attend prayer meetings and other meeting of the Organization.

Mark 11 : 17 And He taught, saying unto them is it not written My house shall be called of all nations the house of Prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves.

(e) No member should join any worldly organizations Gal. 6 : 8. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; But he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

The membership of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is comprised of the following:-

- (1) Congregation
- (2) Children
- (3) Choristers
- (4) Spirited Children
- (5) Elders
- (6) Ordained ones
- (7) Christ Students/Witnesses
- (8) Christ Servants
- (9) Children of God (144,000 Virgins)

(1) **CONGREGATION:** These are newly baptised members who are not yet assigned to any of the eight groups mentioned above.

(2) **CHILDREN:** These are from babies up to twelve years of age and they constitute the Sabbath group. they are encouraged to exhibit their spiritual talent such as singing, praying etc. to the glorification of the Father.

(3) **CHORISTER:** These are assigned to sing new heavenly melodious songs before the throne of God. they play an important role in the bethel in reviving the spirit of members through stimulating spiritual songs.

(4) **SPIRITED CHILDREN:** These are endowed with spiritual gifts of seeing visions, dreams and prophesying (about past event, present and future occurrences) for the enhancement of the Father's work. they also heal the sick.

(5) **ELDERS:** These are expected to play an active role in ensuring smooth functioning of the bethel by maintaining peace and unity among

members. they are the pillars of the bethel and are assigned to preach the word of God and baptise.

(6) ORDAINED ONES: These are chosen and anointed by the Holy Father for the spreading of the message of this New Kingdom "Love one another" to all the nooks and corner of the world. Baptizing them in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. They act as Mothers and Fathers in bethels.

(7) CHRIST STUDENTS/WITNESSES: These are called chosen, and commissioned by the Holy Father as the ONLY TEACHERS in the fold. To teach, direct and advice all members irrespective of ranks and position, be he black or white. They are blessed with spiritual gifts of preaching, visions, and singing of Natural songs before the Throne of God day and night.

(8) CHRIST SERVANTS: These are chosen by the Holy Father as full time workers in the fold (Brotherhood) and commissioned to preach and baptise. they are blessed with the spiritual gifts of healing the sick, removal and destruction of charms.

(9) CHILDREN OF GOD (144000 Virgin): These are also chosen by the Holy Father as full time workers in the fold. They are blessed with many spiritual gifts of singing, healing the sick, baptising and propagating the Father's gospel to all parts of the globe.

ADMINISTRATIVE GROUPINGS:

For effective and smooth running of our administration, the following order should be observed.

1. **BETHEL:** All reports affecting bethels should be channel to Zone.
2. **ZONE:** Zonal reports to be sent to the Area Administration.
3. **STATE:** All states reports are to be sent to the National body for deliberations.
4. **NATIONAL:** Reports from National executive are to be sent to the Universal or International body.
5. **INTERNATIONAL BODY:** All reports from this body must be channel to the offices of His Holiness King of kings and Lord of lords or Her Holiness the Holy Queen Mother after a concrete resolution by the executive concerned for approval.

N.B.: The above order should be strictly observed for our God is not the author of confusion but of peace as in all churches of the saints.

FELLOWSHIPS:

Because of her population, the organization has been divided into groups known as "Fellowship". Every baptised member is expected to belong to one of these groups through the directives of the Holy Spirit. But the most important of all these are women, men, spirited and General Fellowships which is mandatory for all members to enroll and to attend its regular meetings.

1. ABAS International Fellowship
2. All Ordained Brothers
3. All Ordained Or es Fellowship
4. All Ranks Fellowship
5. All Ordained Sisters
6. Blessed Brothers, Sisters and Family Fellowship
7. Christ Natural Choristers Fellowship
8. Christ Preachers Fellowship
9. Christ natural Crusaders Fellowship
10. Christ Practical Students Fellowship
11. Christ Servants Fellowship
12. Christ Students Natural Body
13. Christ Universal New World Missionary
14. Christ Universal Spiritual Council of Churches
15. Deaconesses' Fellowship
16. Forces Fellowship
17. Health Workers Fellowship
18. International Apostles and Evangelist
19. International Elders Fellowship
20. International General Fellowship
21. International Men's Fellowship
22. International Spirited Children Fellowship
23. International Visioners Fellowship
24. International Women's Fellowship
25. International Youth Fellowship
26. Leader's Representatives
27. Lawyers Fellowship
28. Mercy Fellowship
29. New World Fellowship
30. Prophets and Prophetesses Fellowship
31. Scholarship Fellowship
32. Supernatural Teachers' Fellowship

33. Traditional Rulers Fellowship
34. Universal Children Fellowship
35. Universal Pastors Fellowship
36. Vegetarian Fellowship
37. Workers Fellowship

PREACHING ON THE PULPIT:

It is the Father's instruction that sisters can mount the Pulpit since they too are priests called according to God's purpose and will. There is no man or woman but the Holy Spirit, through Baptism into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, can conduct Service. Hence all brethren, even children, can conduct but before mounting the Pulpit one has to obtain permission from the Full-time Worker in charge of the stations (Bethels).

ORDER OF DAILY MORNING PRAYERS (5.00 A.M.)

Daily morning prayers should be observed in all bethels of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star both in the Healing Home and Prayer houses by 5. 00 a.m. No activity should disrupt this order.

The following order is to be observed by the officiating priest.

1. Hymn
2. Prayer by officiating priest
3. Psalm one (To be recited by all)
4. Prayer by a member
5. Psalm 121 (To be recited by all)
6. Hymn
7. Prayer by a member
8. Silent prayer (all standing)
9. Song (1) "Very early in the morning" (S.S.O. Page 10)
10. Prayer by a member
11. Song (2) "Oh Father hear my prayers" (S.S.O. Page 11)
12. Prayer by a member
13. Song (3) "Father send down thy power" (S.S.O. Page 12)
14. Prayer by a member
15. Closing hymn
16. Psalm 23
17. Lord's prayer
18. Doxology ("Bless us oh Lord in this hour of morn" (S.S. O Page 6).
19. Benediction
20. Doxology ("Hear our prayer oh Lord" S.S.O. Page 8)

21. Here all members gather and kneel around the alter in complete reverence.
22. Song (a) "Around the throne of God..." Recorded in S.S.O. page 13
23. Song (b) "Ye Children of God now awake...." Page 14
24. Song (c) ("I am a woeful sinner...") During this song, holy water is sprinkled by any spirited one to all kneeling down.
25. Song (d) ("That Blood which was shed...") Page 16
26. Prayer by: 4 members (2 Sisters and 2 Brothers) standing in the four corners of the Bethel. the prayers should not only for those around the altar but also for the entire world.
27. Song (e) Right from the day Our Lord Jesus Christ was nailed on the Cross...." Page 17.
Everybody leaves the alter and return to their seats and sit down.
28. Spiritual Choruses: (All stand and go on blessing as follows:-
 - (a) Choristers
 - (b) Children
 - (c) Women Congregation
 - (d) Men Congregation
 - (e) Spirited
 - (f) Elders
 - (g) Ordained
 - (h) Christ Students/Witnesses
 - (i) Christ Servants
 - (j) Children of God (144,000 Virgins)

This order of blessing should be observed as laid down by the Holy Father anywhere and anytime blessing is undertaken.

29. Dreams, Visions, Testimonies, etc.
30. Announcements
31. Admonition and closing by the officiating priest.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

It is of great importance that all distant members, i.e. those members who are living at places where there is no branch of the Brotherhood to keep prayer twice at 5 a.m. and at 7 p.m. daily in their homes.

This will enhance and sustain that spiritual awareness which is essential in an organization such as ours. Such members should follow the order of service below:-

1. Psalm (To be recited)
2. Hymn
3. Prayer
4. Psalm 121 (To be recited)
5. Closing Hymn
6. Psalm 23, The Lord's prayer (To be recited)
7. Doxology: (a) If morning sing "Bless us oh Lord..."
(b) If evening sing "Olumba behold us here..."
8. Benediction
9. Doxology: Hear our prayers oh Lord....
10. Spiritual Choruses
11. Closing.

Note: The above can be used by a Brother/Sister and his/her family.

ORDER OF SERVICE ON MONDAY - TUESDAY AND SATURDAY

EVENING WORSHIPS

1. Hymn
2. Prayer - by officiating priest
3. Psalm One - To be repeated by all
4. Prayer - by a member
5. Reading of Psalm 15 -to be repeated by all
6. Anthem by the choir(s)
7. Prayer - by a member
8. Text - Sermon
9. Prayer - by a member
10. Silent prayer - all standing
11. Blessing
12. Prayer - by a member
13. Anthem by the choir (s)
14. Prayer - by a member
15. Closing hymn
16. Psalm 23
17. Lord's Prayer
18. Doxology Olumba, behold us here... "
19. Benediction
20. Doxology
21. Spiritual Choruses
22. Love Feast
23. Vision, Prophecy, Dream and Testimony
24. Announcement, Admonition and Closing by officiating priest

ORDER OF FULL SERVICE

Full Services are held on Pentecostal Centres during Pentecostal Period and on Fellowships Week long activities. On Bethel levels, Sunday Morning/Evening and Fridays are observed as full service.

1. Introit - "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
2. Psalm One
3. Prayer by conductor
4. Hymn
5. Prayer - by a member
6. First Bible Lesson
7. Hymn
8. Prayer - by a member
9. Second Bible Lesson
10. Anthem by Choir (s)
11. Prayer by a member
12. Golden Text/Sermon
13. Prayer by a member
14. Silent Prayer - all standing
15. Going on first blessing.

(Blessing entails filling past the Altar by each pew. The procession should be orderly and each person moves with both hands clasped together finger-to-finger. As each person gets to the Altar he/she bows and puts his/her offering. It is not mandatory to put anything as the offering is free will.

- (a) "Father, Son and the Holy Ghost." Children go on blessing with this song.
- (b) "My disciples be ever ready...." Women/Men Congregation go on blessing with this song.
- (c) "I will make you fishers of men" Choristers go on blessing with this song.
- (d) "Father do thy work in me...." Spirited children, Elders Ordained, Christ Students/Witnesses, Christ Servant and Children of God go on blessing with this song.

16. Prayer - by a member
17. Anthem by choir(s)
18. Prayer
19. Closing hymn
20. The Lord's prayer
21. Doxology "come holy spirit of God...."
22. Benediction
23. Doxology "Hear our prayers oh Lord...."
25. Spiritual songs and second blessing is as follows:

- (a) Choristers
 - (b) Children
 - (c) Women Congregation
 - (d) Men congregation
 - (e) Spirited
 - (f) Elders
 - (g) Ordained
 - (h) Christ Students/Witnesses Servants
 - (i) Children of God.
26. Feast
- (b) Dreams, Visions, Prophecies, Testimonies
27. Announcements
28. Admonition and closing by officiating priest.

CONDUCTING OF HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH IN PENTECOSTAL CENTRES

The Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader O. O. Obu, has directed that, the Holy Spirit Church Service which was until now restricted to the World Headquarters, 34 Ambo should be conducted in all approved Pentecostal Centres in the entire Brotherhood of the Cross and Star World with immediate effect.

This divine directive which was given on Sunday, 16 November, 1997 is a wonderful blessing extended to the entire brethren and should therefore be embraced with enthusiasm and great joy by all.

ORDER OF CONDUCTING HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

- Soon after 2nd blessing the service on every Sunday,
- The Conductor jingles the second bell,
- Saying of Psalm 1,
- Opening hymn.

BIBLE LESSONS:

NB: Three texts must be read, (i.e. 1st lesson, 2nd lesson and golden text).

The second and golden texts being permanent, but the first lesson varies depending on the choice of the conductor strictly on any of these four bible texts listed below:

1st lesson:

Luke 24 : 1 - end)

Matt. 28 : 1 - end)

**ONLY ONE OF THESE TEXTS TO BE READ
AT EVERY HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**

Mark 16 : 1 - end

John 20 : 1 - end

2nd lesson: 1 Cor.15:20-end) Permanent texts at Holy Spirit
Golden text: 1These. 4:1-end) Church Meeting.

- Anthem by choir(s)
- Prayer
- Silence prayer (All standing)
- Closing hymn
- Benediction
- Feast Song
- Prayer
- The following portions in the Bible should be read before feast is shared:

- 1 Cor. 15 : 1 - end)
- 1 Cor. 11 : 20 - end)
- John 6 : 51)
- 1 Cor. 10 : 16 - 17 in the)
- 2 Cor. 8 : 1 - end)

Permanent texts for feast during Holy Spirit Church.

NB: Feast **MUST** be celebrated during Holy Spirit Church at least fruit feast in the absence of full feast.

COLLECTION OF FATHER'S ENVELOPE:

NB: The conductor gives our Father's envelope to a member to put in a tray on top of the tithe box set aside for Holy Spirit Church.

After which all members file past the altar and give the freewill tithe silently while the conductor calls for testimonies.

- **TESTIMONIES:** The conductor calls for testimonies.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements are made.
- **CLOSING:** Father says, you should go. He is before and behind you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALL SHOULD TAKE NOTE:

- On no account should testimonies be allowed until the appropriate time for it is during the Holy Spirit Church Meeting.
- Feast must be celebrated at every Holy Spirit Church Meeting, at least fruit in the absence of full feast.

- A separate **tithe** box should be provided for Holy Spirit Church, and **all proceeds** from the Holy Spirit Church safely **put there and kept in the** Pentecostal centre.
- The key to the Holy Spirit Church tithe box must be kept by the Leader's Representative. for the sake of accountability, three officers of the Pentecostal centre viz:
 - 1. Full time worker in charge of the Pentecostal centre,
 - 2. The Chairman general Fellowship and;
 - 3. The Leader's Representative

Should meet and take stock of the total proceeds for the month and record the exact amount before remitting same to the B.C.S. treasury to be paid into Holy Spirit Church account. Official treasury receipt obtained should be Photostatted and given to the Secretary of the Holy Spirit Church at the World Headquarters and the Original kept in the Pentecostal Centre for proper record keeping and assessment of progress made.

May the peace and blessing of the Father be with you and the ensure world, now and forever more, Amen.

Thank You Father.

ORDER OF WATCH AND PRAY

After Our Lord Jesus Christ finished admonishing, instructing and teaching his disciples, he washed their feet and ate the last supper with them. He knew the hour of his betrayal was at hand he began to be sorrowful and heavy at heart. He then started to keep vigil and pray. This lasted for three hours from midnight to 3 a.m. and he asked his disciples to watch and pray with him. At 3 a.m. the Jews (led by Judas) came and arrested him. Till this day we observe Watch and Pray and the Holy Spirit has directed that brethren who for any reason cannot be physically in attendance in the bethel, may observe watch and pray in their homes by staying awake between midnight and 3 am. Wednesday night is a very important night in Brotherhood because it was on this night Our Lord drank the cup of woe.

1. Hymn
2. Prayer by a conductor
3. Psalm 1 (To be repeated by all)
4. Prayer by a member
5. Reading - Matthew 26: 1 - end (all kneeling with reverence)
6. Anthem by choir(s)
7. Prayer by a member
8. Text - Sermon
9. Prayer by a member
10. Silent prayer (all standing)
11. Anthem by Choir(s)
12. Prayer by a member
13. Closing Hymn
14. Psalm 23, The Lord's Prayer
15. Doxology - Olumba behold us here....
16. Benediction
17. Doxology - Hear our prayers O Lord.....
18. Spiritual choruses
19. Feast - (Text 1st Corinthians 11:23 -29)
(John 6:51, 1st Corinth. 10 : 16 - 17).
20. Visions, Prophecy, Testimonies and Confession of sins
21. Closing.

FASTING

ORDER OF FASTING ON THURSDAY IN BETHELS

We regard Thursday as important day being the day Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified. All Brotherhood members commemorate his sufferings and passions on that day by fasting from 6. a.m. to 6 p.m.

He was condemned to death at 6 a.m. crucified on the Cross at 9 a.m. He gave up the ghost at 3 p.m.

He was brought down from the Cross at 6 p.m.

The three days and three night were as follows:-

6 a.m. -	6 p.m. of Thursday - 1st Day
6 p.m. -	6 a.m. of Friday - 1st Night
6 a.m. -	6 p.m. of Friday- 2nd Day
6 p.m. -	6 a.m. of - Saturday 2nd Night
6 a.m. -	6 p.m. of Saturday - 3rd Day
6 p.m. -	6 a.m. of Sunday - 3rd Night
6 p.m. -	6 a.m. of Sunday - 3rd Night

While observing fasting in bethels the order below should be followed:

1. 6 a.m. 1st Reading: Matthew 27 : 1 - 44 is read (all kneeling down) after reading "Oh Lord forgive us our trespasses" is sung by the whole congregation (see S.S.O. page 39).
2. Prayer by a member
3. Anthem by Choir(s)
4. Prayer by a member
5. Confession of sins, Prayer for the entire world by 4 members (2 Brothers & 2 Sisters).
6. Spiritual choruses, testimonies visions etc.
7. 9.00 a.m. 2nd reading: Mark 15: 1 - 32
"Oh Lord forgive us our trespasses" (is sung as in item 1)
8. Prayer by a member
9. Anthem by Choir(s)
10. Prayer by a member
11. Spiritual choruses as in item 6
12. Prayer by 4 members
13. 12 noon 3rd reading: John 19 : 1 - 30.
"Oh Lord forgive us our trespasses" (is sung as in item 1)
14. Prayer by a member
15. Anthem by choir(s)
16. Prayer by a member
17. Spiritual choruses as in item 6.
18. Prayer by 4 members
19. 3.00 p.m. 4th reading : Luke 23 : 1 - 49 the song Oh Lord forgive us is sung
20. Prayer by a member
21. Anthem by choir(s)
22. Prayer by a member
23. Spiritual choruses as in item 6
24. 5.55 p.m. General confession of sins two by two
25. 6.00 p.m. 5th reading : Luke 23 : 50 - 56 (Oh Lord forgive us our trespasses is sung)
26. Prayer by a member
27. Anthem by choir(s)
28. Prayer by a member
29. Closing hymn
30. Psalm 23 , The Lord's prayer
31. Doxology: Come Holy Spirit of God...
32. Benediction
33. Doxology: Hear our prayer...
34. Jumps of Hallelujah, Hosanna and Amen. (Seven times each)
35. Feast

36. Closing.

SPECIAL PRAYER BEFORE THE ALTAR FOR THE SICK

At the close of morning/evening prayers sick people and others who desire special prayer should kneel before the altar and brethren should offer them prayers.

THE ORDER BELOW SHOULD BE OBSERVED

1. The sick kneels before the altar
2. Spiritual songs: (all kneeling while singing)
 - (a) Holy spirit Father do thy work in me.
 - (b) Thou oh great commander.... (S.S.O. page 36)
 - (c) Thou greatest doctor..... (S.S.O. page 38)
3. Confession of sins by the afflicted.
4. Spiritual songs/Annointment: (Still kneeling down)
 - (a) Satan se ikot mi do.... (S.S.O. page 39)
 - (b) There is power mighty in the blood (S.S.O. page 17)
5. Prayer by member(s) to the sick one(s)
6. The Lord's prayer
7. Benediction by the conductor of the special prayer
8. Hallelujah; Hosanna and A-men - (All should jump seven times each in jubilation).
9. Admonition by the officiating priest.

**ORDER OF SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY
AND THURSDAY EVENING ONLY**

1. Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple".....
2. Psalm one - To be recited by all]
3. Prayer by the officiating priest
4. Hymn
5. Prayer by a member
6. If on Wednesday read St. John 17 : 1 - 26 to be repeated by the Congregation. If on Thursday read Psalm 51: 1 - 19 also to be repeated by the Congregation.
7. Hymn
8. Prayer by a member
9. 1st Lesson
10. Anthem by choir(s)
11. Prayer by a member
12. Golden text/sermon
13. Prayer by a member

14. Silent Prayer (All standing)
15. Blessing (see order of full service)
16. Prayer by a member
17. Anthem by choir(s)
18. Prayer by a member
19. Closing hymn
20. Psalm 23, Lord's prayer
21. Doxology - "Olumba behold us here..."
22. Benediction
23. Doxology - "Hear our prayers oh Lord..."
24. Spiritual choruses
25. Love feast
26. Vision, Prophecy, Testimony, etc.
27. Announcement
28. Admonition and Closing.

ORDER OF BIBLE CLASS

Everything we do in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is exactly as was done by Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord knew that the Jews has conspired to arrest and kill him on Thursday. He then decided to eat the last supper with His disciples on Wednesday night. Before He did, He gathered them and instructed and taught them. This we do till today. The greatest experience anyone can have is attending a Bible Class lecture given by the Supernatural Teacher (Leader O. O. Obu) Himself. It is in these lectures that secrets of heaven and earth and the true meaning of the Scriptures are revealed by Him.

The Sole Spiritual Head has decreed that Bible Class and Watch and Pray be conducted in all bethels on Wednesdays evenings and fasting on Thursdays no matter the attendance. Bible Class should also hold on Saturday evenings.

The following order should be observed during Bible Class Lectures.

1. Psalm One - To be recited by all
2. Hymn
3. Prayer - by a member
4. Bible Text
5. Lessons drawn from the Text by individuals. (The Conductor gives ample time for individuals to draw lessons and explain what they understand by them).
6. Full explanation of Text by the Conductor
7. Prayer - by a member
8. Closing hymn

9. Psalm 23
10. The Lord's Prayer
11. Doxology - "Come Holy Spirit of God...."
12. Benediction
13. Doxology - Hear our prayers
14. Closing.

ORDER OF CONDUCTING FASTING IN PENTECOSTAL CENTRES

1. 6. a.m.
 - (a) 1st Reading Matthew 27 : 1 - 44
 - (b) Confession song: Oh Lord forgive us our trespasses.
 - (c) Prayer by a member
 - (d) Anthem by choir(s)
 - (e) Prayer by a member
 - (f) Reading of the following texts
1st John 1 : 7 - 10; James 5 : 16
 - (g) Confession of sins (one to the other)
 - (h) Prayer by 4 members for the entire world
 - (i) Spiritual choruses
 - (j) Testimonies, visions, prophecies, dreams etc.
2. 9.00 a.m.
2nd Reading Mark 15 : 1 - 32
(Items b - j of the above should be observed except for item f)
3. 10.00 a.m.
Full Service is conducted (Follow order of 10 a.m. Service)
4. 12 Noon
3rd Reading John 19 : 1 - 30
(Items b - j of No 1 to be observed except item f)
5. 3.00 p.m.
4th Reading; Luke 23 : 1 - 49
(Items b - j of No. 1 item to be observed except item f)
6. 5.55 p.m.
General confession of sins - (one to the other)
7. 6.00 p.m.
5th Reading Luke 23 :50 - end
(Items b - j of No. 1 item to be observed except item f)
8. Closing hymn
9. Psalm 23
10. The Lord's prayer
11. Doxology - come Holy Spirit...
12. Benediction
13. Doxology - Hear our prayers...

14. Hallelujah; Hosanna and Amen (All jumping seven times each in jubilation).
15. Feast
16. Closing

ORDER OF SERVICE ON EASTER MONDAY/RECEPTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Introit
2. Psalm 1 to be recited by all'
3. Prayer by the conductor
4. Hymn
5. Prayer by a member
6. 1st Lesson: John 21 : 15 - 17
7. Hymn
8. Prayer by a member
9. 2nd Lesson John 20 : 21 - 23
10. Anthem by choir(s)
11. Prayer by a member
12. Golden Text: Matthew 28 : 18 - 20
13. Sermon after re-reading the first and second lessons as usual the conductor calls for confession of sins by all members. All kneeling down confessing silently with complete humility.
15. All members still kneeling, the following spiritual songs are rendered.
 - (a) Odudu usen Pentecost... (S.S.O) page 33
 - (b) Se nte emended Cross eno Enye (S.S.O.) page 33
 - (c) O! Iyip Eyen Erong... (S.S.O.) page 37
 - (d) Iyip okoduoho k'isong... (S.S.O.) page 16
 - (e) Mkpa usen ita... (S.S.O.) page 34
 - (f) Se ekenamde eno Israel (S.S.O.) page 34
15. Still kneeling - The three lessons are read seven times each while the members respond Amen.
(e.g.) so when they had dined - Amen.
Jesus said to Simon Peter - Amen (etc.)
16. Closing of the sermon
17. Prayer by a member
18. Silent prayer
19. Blessing
 - (a) Children
 - (b) Women
 - (c) Men
 - (d) Choristers etc.
20. Prayer by a member
21. Anthem by choir(s)
22. Prayer by a member
23. Closing hymn
24. Psalm 23, The Lord's prayer

25. Doxology: Come holy Spirit of God...
26. Benediction
27. Doxology: Hear our Prayer...
28. Spiritual Choruses
29. Testimonies, visions and Prophecies
30. Closing.

ORDER OF CHILD BLESSING:

1. The family of the child kneels before the altar
2. A Sister carries the child to be blessed
3. Reading of 1st Bible Lesson: Luke 2 : 22
4. Anthem by choir(s) or hymn from B.H.B 429 to be sung if there is no choir.
5. Prayer by 2 Sisters, 2 Brothers standing behind the family of the child to be blessed.
6. Blessing song from B.H.B. No. 427 by all kneeling down till the end of the child blessing.
7. The officiating priest comes out from the pulpit to the altar.
8. The child is presented to the priest by the Sister for blessing. She kneels beside the altar till the child is handed back to her.
9. Blessing of the child:
 - (a) Placed the child on the altar
 - (b) Sprinkle holy water on its face.
 - (c) Rub holy oil and make the sign of Cross on the forehead, hands and legs of the child.
 - (d) The child is turned unto the four corners of the world with silent sanctification (item 9 a - d continue each time the child is turned).
10. The child is given holy water to drink
11. Raise and point the child to the four corners of the world, and give it back to the Sister who should return to her seat before the altar.
12. The officiating Priest goes back to the pulpit
13. Second Lesson: Ephesians 6 : 1 - 14. Golden Text: 1st Timothy 2:15.
14. Brief advice by the officiating priest to the family
15. 1st spiritual chorus: "Eyen Erong Uwa" (S.S.O.) page 19.
16. 2nd Spiritual chorus: "Eyen amana ono nnyin" (S.S.O.) page 18.
17. Everybody dances, and goes by the altar back to their seats.
18. Issuing of infant blessing certificate by the conductor to the parents of the child.
19. Love Feast
20. Testimony from the parents of the child if any
21. Closing.

ORDER OF BAPTISM

1. Reading of the first step to God to the new converts
2. Suitable texts on baptism such as follows:

John 3:5-6; Romans 6:3-6; Mark 16:16-18, Mark 1:5-11; 1st Peter 1:23; Galatians 2:26-28 for the advice of the convert(s) by the conductor.

3. Confession of sins one after the other by new convert(s) to the conductor.
Texts such as these are read. 1st John 1:7-10; James 5:16; Mark 1:5 etc.
4. Prayer by the conductor to the new convert(s)
5. Marching to the river or pool for baptism with spiritual choruses such as these:
 1. Now let us go to Jordan S.S.O. page 24
 2. In water I have been baptised with S.S.O. page 25
6. The conductor takes his stand in the river
7. Prayer by a member (if any)
8. Prayer by the conductor inside the river
9. Baptism commences (by Emersion)
10. Prayer by a member after the baptism (if any)
11. Prayer by the conductor (after the baptism inside the river)
12. Back to the Bethel with spiritual choruses such as these:
 1. Now I have washed my feet. (See page 26 of S.S.O.)
 2. The blood of Jesus(See page 27 of S.S.O.)
 3. Listen to the news of joy (See page 26 of S.S.O.)
13. Blessing and anointment of the baptised member(s) by the Conductor
14. Advice to the baptised member(s) by the conductor. Texts such as these are used: 11 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:22-24; John 8:10-11 etc.
15. Registration of baptised member(s) and issuing of:-
 - (a) Membership card
 - (b) Men/Women Fellowship Card
 - (c) General Fellowship and
 - (d) Baptismal Certificate.
16. Love Feast
17. Closing.

HOUSE BLESSING/HOUSE FEAST

Brethren are advised to have their new houses blessed before they move in or as soon as they move in. The Holy Father directs that house blessings be conducted with due consideration for the neighbours in the building or compound. The spirit of prophets is subject to the prophets. No one should say he is so moved by the spirit that he/she runs into the room or house of a neighbour against the neighbour's wish. Do not force your neighbour to accept prayers. Do not sprinkle water into their rooms or homes or sit on their door steps. If you are living upstairs don't stamp your feet that your neighbour on the ground floor is disturbed. Don't go to the window of the

neighbour to pray. Brotherhood is not of confusion. **Everything should be done in the usual orderly manner to the glory of the Father and brethren must behave themselves properly.**

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOUSE BLESSING

1. Hymn from B.H.B.
2. Prayer by the conductor
3. Psalm 1 to be recited by all
4. Prayer by a member
5. Text and sermon
6. Prayer by a member
7. Silent prayer
8. Anthem by choir(s)
9. Prayer by a member
10. Closing Hymn from B. H. B
11. Psalm 23 and the Lord's prayer
12. Doxology: Come Holy Spirit of God....
13. Benediction
14. Doxology: Hear our prayer oh Lord....
15. Spiritual choruses and spiritual work
16. Blessing the members of the House
17. Feast
18. Visions, Dreams and Testimonies
19. Closing

RE-ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFERRED OF BRETHREN TO LIFE BEYOND

FUNERAL SERVICE: (PART ONE) VIGIL NIGHT:

In Brotherhood, there is no death because while on this physical plane one is with the Father and in the Spiritual planes one is also with the Father. when therefore any member is transferred to another plane, all members are to rally round and help in anyway possible. the Holy Father's instruction is that the body of any transferred person be not left in the mutuary and should be buried soonest. If the corpse is to stay overnight, the members should stay awake and sing as far into the night as possible or till dawn.

The following order of service should be observed during the vigil night.

1. Introit (Oh man of God the Father calls) S.S.O. Page 4
2. Psalm to be recited by all
3. Prayer by conductor
4. Hymn
5. Prayer by a member

6. 1st Bible Lesson
7. Hymn
8. Prayer by a member
9. 2nd Bible Lesson
10. Anthem by Choir(s)
11. Prayer by a member
12. Golden text/Sermon
13. Prayer by a member
14. Silent Prayer (All standing)
15. Anthem by choir(s)
16. Prayer by a member
17. Closing hymn
18. Psalm 23, Lord's prayer (to be recited by all)
19. Doxology (Olumba behold us here...)
20. Benediction
21. Doxology (Hear our prayers Oh Lord....)
22. Spiritual chorus
23. Freewill offering for the bereaved family
24. Feast/Closing.

PART TWO

BURIAL SERVICE:

It is not a practice of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to bring corpse into the Bethel or house of worship, but before the burial, a divine service should be conducted in the deceased residence. All members should endeavour to attend and participate fully to give the deceased the last honour.

The following order should be observed during the burial service which often a time commences in the morning.

1. Intriot (Oh man of God the Father calls)
2. Psalm 1 (To be recited by all)
3. Prayer by the conductor
4. Hymn
5. Prayer by a member
6. 1st Bible reading
7. Hymn
8. Prayer by a member
9. 2nd Bible Reading
10. Anthem by choirs
11. Golden text/Sermon
12. Prayer by a member

13. Silent prayer (All standing)
14. Anthem by choir(s)
15. Prayer by a member
16. Closing hymn
17. Psalm 23, The lord's prayer (to be recited by all)
18. Doxology (come Holy Spirit of God....)
19. Benediction
20. Doxology (Hear our prayers oh Lord)
21. Freewill offering for the bereaved family
22. Short testimonies of the deceased by members of the family, Bethel etc.
23. Announcements
24. Procession to the cemetery.

PART THREE

AT THE CEMETERY:

During the procession with the corpse to the cemetery, there should be continuous singing of spiritual choruses. All members should give the deceased the last honour by taking its remains to the cemetery for interment.

The following order should be observed.

1. Hymn
2. Prayer by officiating priest
3. Hymn
4. Prayer by a member
5. Silent prayer (special prayer as stated here below must be read out by the conductor)

SILENT PRAYER:

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of human race. Look down upon us who humbly prostrate before thine Altar, we are thine and thine we wish to be but to be more surely united with Thee. Behold each one of us freely consecrates himself to thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee. Many too, despising Thy precepts have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all most merciful Jesus and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart.

Be Thou King O Lord not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee. Grant that they may quickly return to their father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be thou King of all those who are deceived by erroneous

opinions or whom discord keeps aloof and call them back to the harbour of truth and unity of faith so that soon they may be one flock and one shepherd.

Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in darkness of idolatry and Islamism. And refuse not to draw them back to the light and Kingdom of God.

Turn thy eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once thy chosen people of old they call down upon themselves the blood of the savior. May it now descend upon them a lover or redemption and of life. Grant O Lord to Thine Church assurance of freedom, immunity from harm. Give peace from pole to pole with one cry:- Praise! to the Divine Heart that wrought our Salvation. To it be glory and honour forever and ever more.

6. Closing hymn
7. Psalm 23, Lord's prayer (To be recited by all)
8. Doxology (Come Holy Spirit of God....)
9. Benediction.
10. Doxology (Hear our prayers...)
11. Corpse lowered to the grave
12. Interment: (Reading of dust to dust by the conductor)
 "For as much as it has please the Almighty God for His great mercy to take unto Himself the soul of our beloved Brother/Sister here departed, we therefore commit His/Her body to the ground Earth to Earth, Ash to Ash, Dust to Dust being sure and hopeful of resurrection to eternal life through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."
13. Continuous singing of spiritual chorus until the grave is completely filled.
14. Prayer by 4 members (2 Sisters & 2 Brother)
15. Spiritual choruses back home
16. Prayer for the deceased family
17. Love Feast/Closing.

PART FOUR

MEMORIAL BLESSING SERVICE: SECTION ONE

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star does not hold memorial service knowing very well that the departed soul is going on transfer to another planet still on the Father's work. We only bless the bereaved family of the departed soul. This is done after the first part on Sunday Morning Service.

The following order should be observed:-

1. The bereaved family kneel down before the altar.
2. Anthem by choir(s)

3. Prayer by 4 members (2 Sisters and 2 Brothers)

NOTE: All prayers should be entirely for the safety of the family.

4. Reading of the following Bible Lessons:-

(a) Revelation 14 : 3

(b) Hebrews 4 : 10 - 12

(c) 1st Thessalonians 4 : 13 - 18

5. A brief advice to the family by the officiating priest

6. Spiritual chorus: Hallelujah joy (as contained in S.S.O.) page 45

7. The family and the relations who were blessed before the altar dance and get back to their seats. Every body join in dancing and praising the Father.

8. Announcement.

9. Closing.

SECTION TWO

PROCESSION TO THE DECEASED RESIDENCE AFTER SERVICE:

1. The bereaved family is escorted home by members. The following order is observed:

1. Hymn

2. Prayer by officiating priest

3. Psalm one (To be recited by all)

4. Prayer by a member

5. Text and brief advice by the officiating priest

6. Prayer by a member

7. Silent Prayer

8. Anthem by choir(s)

9. Closing hymn

10. Psalm 23, Lord's prayer (To be recited by all)

11. Doxology (Come holy Spirit of God...)

12. Benediction

13. Doxology (Hear our prayers Oh Lord...)

14. Spiritual chorus:

15. Free will offering donations to the bereaved family

16. Love Feast

17. Closing

FEAST CITATIONS:

First Text:

John 6 : 51

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: If any man eat of this bread , he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Second Text:

1st Cor. 10:16-17.

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."

FEAST CITATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND WATCH AND PRAY:

(a) 1st Corinthians 11 : 23 - 39

(b) John 6 : 51

(c) 1st Corinth 10 : 16 - 17

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus , the same night in which he was betrayed, took break: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

(b) John 6 : 51

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

(c) 1st Corinthians 10 : 16 - 17.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

For we being many are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread.

FEAST CITATIONS DURING HOUSE BLESSINGS:

(a) Acts 2 : 24 - 47

(b) John 6 : 51

(c) 1st Corinthians 10 : 16 - 17

Acts 2 : 42 - 47 And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and good, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

(b) John 6 : 51

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

(c) 1st Corinthians 10 : 16 - 17

The cup of blessing which we bless, it is not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

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GENERAL PSALM DURING WORSHIPS/MEETINGS: INDEX TO PSALMS

Psalm One

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinner, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night. and he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

PSALM 15

DURING EVENING WORSHIPS ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned: but he honoureth them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

FOR ALL WORSHIPS/MEETINGS**PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff thy comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the day's of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

ON THURSDAY DURING EVENING WORSHIP**Psalm 51**

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; that thou mightiest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinner shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praises. For thou desirest no sacrifice; else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifice of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then shall they offer bullocks upon thine alter.

PSALM 121
DURING MORNING PRAYERS

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. the sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. the Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for ever more.

FOR ALL WORSHIPS/MEETINGS

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And for give us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever - Amen.

ON WEDNESDAY DURING EVENING WORSHIP

John 17 : 1 - 26

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy son, that thy son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to all, as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. and now I am no more in the world but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that thy may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, and now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because, they are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil. they are not of the world, even as I am not for the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world, and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them: that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee; but I have known thee and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it, that the love wherewith thou hast love me may be in them, and I in them.

HOW TO CONFESS SINS/PRAY AND TESTIFY

HOW TO CONFESS SINS:

Start with:

"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
Now and for ever more. Amen."

End with:

"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
Now and for ever more. Amen."

TESTIMONY, DREAM, VISION, ANNOUNCEMENT

Start and end with:

"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
Now and for ever more - Amen."

HOW TO PRAY:

Start with:

"Let thanks and praise be to God
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
Let thanks and praise be to God
In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
Let thanks and praise be to God
Now and for ever more - Amen.
"Holy, Holy, Holy....."

End with:

"Let thanks and praise be to God
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
Let thanks and praise be to God
In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
Let thanks and praise be to God
Now and for ever more - Amen."

MEETING DAYS AND EVENTS:

1. Every Monday of the week - Women's Fellowship meeting
2. Every Tuesday of the week - Men's Fellowship meeting
3. Every Wednesday and Saturday of the week - Bible Class & watch and pray.

4. Every Thursday of the week - Normal Fasting (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
5. Every Sunday of the Week - 10 a.m. service/Holy Spirit Church (conducted by the Holy Father only at the world Headquarters and Pentecostal Centres.
6. Every 1st Saturday of the month - Sabbath Children General fasting 6 a.m. to 12 noon.
7. Every 1st Tuesday of the Month - General meeting in all Bethels
8. Every 1st Friday of the month - Area General meeting
9. Every 2nd Friday of the month - Spiritual Council of Churches
10. Every 3rd Friday of the month - Spirited Children's meeting
11. Every 4th Friday of the month - Mercy Fellowship
12. Every 5th Friday of the month - Children Fellowship meeting
13. 8th August of every year: Celebration of B.C.S. movement from 8 Eton Street to 26 Mbukpa Road all in Calabar, Cross River State and the wearing of white by members of B.C.S. for the first time.
14. 24th March 1964 Celebration of Certificate of Incorporation
15. 7th July of every year, Holy/Change over week
16. 30th December of every year: Holy Father's birthday Celebration.

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