

Glossary of foreign words

Abdication - waiver authority throne resignation

Attribute - an essential defining character, such as a saint. St. attribute. Bartholomew may be a knife, which he was tortured, or skin that has been withdrawn from it alive.

Baedeker – a travel guidebook

Emblem - sign, symbol

Fiala - slender pyramid terminating and decorating buttresses or shields over the windows and portals of Gothic buildings

Iconostasis - wall with three gates in the Greek-Catholic and Orthodox churches separating the altar area from the congregation

Cartouche – ornamentally framed emblem, code or writing, or thus framed plaque

Lapidary - A collection of stone sculptures, or their parts, or remnants of architecture

Niche - an alcove or indentation in a wall

Presbytery - the chancel, the church space reserved for priests, for example, around the main altar

Putti - tiny nude figure of an infant used for additional architectural decoration

Religious – of or related to the church, religious, e.g. a religious relief sculpture can be statue decoration of church sites

Rosary – a cord provided with the grains, used in Rosary prayer.

Religious terms refer primarily to the Roman Catholic Church.