

SANTACRUZAN

The SANTACRUZAN culminates nine days of prayer (a novena) in honor of the Holy Cross. During the afternoon prayers, flowers that bloom in May are offered to honor the Virgin Mary, hence the term “*Flores de Mayo*”. This elaborate procession is participated in by young ladies representing the various characters of the commemoration. Each one is dressed in an exquisite, colorful gown, looking as regal as the Queen (*Reyna*) she portrays. They walk with their consorts under hand-carried bamboo arches decked with color-themed native flowers. The highlight of the procession is the majestic *Reyna Elena* (Queen Helena) who walks with her consort, *Prinsipe Constantino*, under a huge canopy of May flowers. Immediately behind is the float carrying the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a brass band that lends the festive sounds to the procession. It moves along the streets around town, devotees holding lit candles follow and join in the rosary, novena and songs of praise. The procession heads back to the Parish Church where an evening mass is celebrated.

Dios te Salve / Aba Ginoong Maria Lyrics

DIOS TE SALVE, MARIA. LLENA ERES DE GRACIA:
EL SENOR ES CONTIGO, EL SENOR ES CONTIGO
Y BENDITA TU ERES ENTRE TODAS LAS MUJERES.
Y BENDITO ES EL FRUTO DE TU VIENTRE: JESUS.
SANTA MARIA, MADRE DE DIOS, RUEGA POR NOSOTROS
PECADORES, AHORA Y EN LA HORA
DE NUESTRA MUERTE. AMEN. JESUS

ABA GINOONG MARIA, NAPUPUNO KA NG GRASYA.
ANG PANGINOONG DIYOS AS SUMASAIYO,
AT BUKOD KANG PINAGPALA SA BABAENG LAHAT.
PINAGPALA RIN NAMAN ANG IYONG ANAK NA SI HESUS.

SANTA MARIA, INA NG DIYOS. IPANALANGIN MO KAMI
MAKASALANAN, NGAYON AT KUNG KAMI'Y MAMATAY.
AMEN.
AT KUNG KAMI'Y MAMAMATAY. AMEN. AMEN.

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The SANTACRUZAN is a religious-historical pageant procession commemorating the search for the Holy Cross by Queen Helena and her son, the newly converted Christian emperor of Rome, Constantine. After the Holy Cross was found in Jerusalem and brought back to Rome, there was a joyful celebration for thanksgiving. It was introduced in the Philippines by the Spaniards in 1854 and has since become one of the most colorful May-time Festivals in the Philippines.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

ALTAR BOYS

AVE MARIA

8 girls wearing long white dresses and flowers in their hair, each holding a letter to complete the word... "AVE MARIA"

REYNA BANDERADA

A lady dressed in a long gown depicting the flag and represents the coming of Christianity to the Philippines

REYNA FE

She symbolizes the virtue of FAITH, the first of the theological virtues.
She carries a cross

REYNA ESPERANZA

She symbolizes the virtue of HOPE, the second theological virtue.
She carries an anchor

REYNA CARIDAD

She symbolizes the virtue of CHARITY, the third theological virtue.
She carries a red heart

REYNA ABOGADA

She represents the Judge who presided at Jesus trial.
She wears a toga and carries a big book

REYNA SENTENCIADA and ROMAN SOLDIERS

She represents the condemnation of Jesus to die on the cross.
Her hands are bound by a rope and is accompanied by 2 Roman soldiers

REYNA JUSTICIA

A personification of the "mirror of justice", she carries a weighing scale and is blindfolded, signifying the justice denied to Jesus at his trial

INFANTA JUDITH

She represents Judith of Pethulia who saved her city from the Assyrians after she beheaded the cruel Halofernes, the tyrant king who subjugated the Jewish nation. She carries the severed head of Halofernes on one hand and a sword on the other

REYNA ESTHER

She represents the Jewish Queen of King Xerxes of Persia who spared her countrymen from death and destruction through timely intervention with King Xerxes during the latter part of the Babylonian captivity.
She carries a scepter

VERONICA

The woman who wiped the face of Jesus.
She carries a white cloth imprinted with Jesus face

MARY OF BETHANY

She washed Jesus feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
She carries a bottle of perfume

ROSA MYSTICA

One of the titles of the Blessed Mother.
She carries a bouquet of gold, pink and white roses and a rosary

REYNA DE LAS FLORES

Another title of the Blessed Mother.
She carries a bouquet of flowers

REYNA ELENA

The legendary founder of the Holy Cross.
She carries a small cross and is escorted by her son, Constantine

THE QUEEN: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Carried by Male Devotees

ANGELS

HERMANA / HERMANO

Jane and Bob Holopher
(Owners of Baskin-Robbins)

SINGERS and PRAYER GROUPS

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