

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!  
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## 9 October, 2011: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Holy Apostle James Alphaeus. Our Venerable Father Andronicus & His Wife Athanasia.  
Our Righteous Forefather Abraham and his Nephew Lot. The Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.*

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Oct.	8	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil + Virginia Barbus requested by Marge Hulyk		
Sun.	Oct.	9	<b><u>10:30 AM:</u></b> 17th Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners		
Sat.	Oct.	15	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil + Michael & Anna Brehun requested by Mary Lezo		
Sun.	Oct.	16	<b><u>10:30 AM:</u></b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners		
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			<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Sat.	Oct.	8	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Kontir, M. Bankovich
Sun.	Oct.	9	-----	B. Chirdon	D. Hess, W. Furwa
Sat.	Oct.	15	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun.	Oct.	16	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	C. & D. Cianciotti

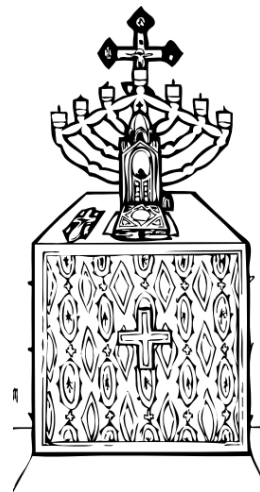
**Collection:** 10/02/11: Adult \$ 810; Student \$ 9; Candles \$ 46; Building Maintenance \$ 20;  
Holy Day \$ 127; **Total: \$ 1012**



## Words Every Christian Should Know

**HOLINESS** consists not only in the absence of evil or sin; it is the presence of higher spiritual values, joined to purity from sin. God is the only One holy by nature. He is the source of holiness for angels and for human beings. Man can attain holiness only in God «not by nature, but by participation, by struggle and prayer.» (St. Cyril of Jerusalem) **ASCETICISM** is man's struggle to keep the commandments of Christ. It encompasses not only his bodily and spiritual effort, but also the method by which he passes through the three stages of the spiritual life, namely: *purification*, *illumination*, and *deification* (union with God). **PURIFICATION** refers to the process by which one is cleansed from the passions, through (1) the rejection of all evil thoughts and desires from the mind and heart,

(2) the turning of the soul's three powers (reason, desire, will) towards God, and (3) the overcoming of self-love by means of love for God and neighbor. **ILLUMINATION** refers to the process by which the grace of the Holy Spirit, received in Baptism, enlightens the person purified (or at least being purified) of the passions to the true knowledge of God and creation. Illumination is seen primarily in the gift of discernment one distinguishes between (1) what is from God or above nature, (2) what is according to nature or good, and (3) what is unnatural or evil. **DEIFICATION** is union with God, the goal of the Christian life; experienced in part during this life but more fully and unending in the next. Scripture says that God is consuming fire. When man is united with God in the state of pure prayer, he becomes entirely engulfed in the flame of Divine Eros and sees the Uncreated Light of Divinity. This state cannot be described in words but is known only through experience. Union with God imparts immeasurable love, humility, and thankfulness. Deification is what man was created for from the beginning; it is what makes him truly man.



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- Welcome to all the Saint Vincent Seminarians who join us this Sunday at the Divine Liturgy. We are honored to have you with us at the holy Synaxis of our Lord's Resurrection – the Sacred Pascha. May your experience of the Eastern Catholic Tradition be a spiritual blessing to you; and know that you are always welcome to return to drink more deeply and fully of our holy orthodox catholic faith.
- ***Pokrov Dinner*** last Sunday was very well attended. **Come and Get It Deli**, managed by Chris Fullman, catered the gathering and provided the meats. Parishioners enjoyed the flavorful ham and holupki plus all their own specialty dishes. The choices were many and varied and everyone ate their fill. A heartfelt thank you to all who came to celebrate the patronal feast day of our church. ***Special thanks*** go out also to: 1) St. Mary Youth Group for serving the dinner and the cake. 2) The ladies who made the decorations, helped decorate the tables and prepare the hall for the dinner, and 3) Everyone who helped in the clean up after the dinner.
- **Thank you very much! / Ευχαριστώ πολύ!** is extended to Marge Hulyk, Mary Ann Kontir for their kind donations of cakes to our weekly bingo this past Friday. May Saint Euphrosynos the Cook always intercede for them before the throne of God.
- **“Let the Earth Be Glad: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains”** St. Mary Byzantine Church in Bradenville and St. John the Baptist Church in Uniontown will

host **The Seminary Choir of the Blessed Paul Gojdich Seminary** from **Prešov, Slovakia**. The men's choir will perform at **St Mary's Dome** on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 pm in Bradenville w/ light refreshments following the concert, and Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Uniontown. Selections from liturgical services & religious hymns will be performed in Old Church Slavonic. CDs & DVDs will be available for purchase.

### **Save the Dates...**

- ❖ The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual "**Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration**" Sunday, **30 October**, from noon to 7:00 pm, St John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 201 East Main Street in Uniontown. **SEE POSTER IN NARTHEX FOR DETAILS.**
- ❖ Open House—Byzantine Seminary Press, Saturday, **November 26**, 9 am to 5 pm
- ❖ St. Nicholas Charity Event, **December 4**, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall.

