



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

**Growth in Faith: Catechumenate, Illumination, Sacramental Initiation**

In our tradition, Christian sacramental initiation is expressed also in spatial terms. Baptism begins in the narthex or baptistery, Chrismation takes place in the nave or temple of the faithful, and Holy Communion at the threshold of the sanctuary. The newly baptized are clothed in bright garments (in Ukrainian, *kryzhmo*), which in the early church were worn throughout all of Bright Week. These garments signify the joy of life in Christ and the expectation of the fullness of one's encounter with God at the second coming of Christ. (#66)