

**The Menorah Candlestick – Antitype of the Mind of Christ An  
Cyrillian Exegesis with Mystagogically and Missiological  
Meanings**

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**Abstract,**

The study emphasizes, based on several of St. Cyril of Alexandria exegetical texts, the founding of the Christian mission in the Son's consubstantiality with the Father and the Holy Spirit, the central role being taken by the „mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2, 16)” which is transmitted on humankind’level through partaking the divine grace. The comparison between the mind of Christ and the Menorah lamp, found at St. Cyril, describes the context of cultic, mystagogical or ascetic hesychast partaking, namely, that of a reunion and investment for mission of the Christian with (the mind of) Christ discovered in the Old Law in the Tabernacle, or in the Liturgy in the current day Church.