



Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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Baptismal Guidelines & Checklist

Baptism brings about the birth of a new life in Christ. The Orthodox Church practices infant baptism because historically it never required "understanding" as a pre-condition. To know God is the fruit of baptism. Baptism makes a person a participant in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and a member of His Body the Church. This is the first step in becoming a follower of Jesus Christ. The Church does have a responsibility to administer the sacrament only to those who have shown that this is the primary purpose for the baptism.

Name of person to be baptized as on the birth certificate:

Saint's name for the child:

City and state of birth of person to be baptized:

Date of birth of person to be baptized:

Is the person being baptized male or female:

Parents of the person to be baptized with Mother's maiden name:

Name of the person sponsoring the baptism*:

*Please note the person sponsoring the baptism must be a member of an Orthodox parish in good standing. A member in good standing is a person who regularly attends church services and financially supports his or her local parish. If the sponsor is from outside our parish, a priest will need to submit a letter of good standing for the desired sponsor. There is a \$75.00 fee for the chanter. If you are not a member in good standing of our parish, there is a facilities fee of \$750. If you are a member in good standing of another Orthodox parish, there is a facility fee of \$600 (20% discount). If you are a member in good standing of our parish, there is a facility fee of \$400. In order to secure the date of your child's baptism the facility fee must be paid in full. If the facility fee cannot be paid due to financial hardship, please see the parish priest. No one will be turned away from a sacrament due to monetary challenges.