



Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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Baptismal Application

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.

1. Date & time for the baptism:
2. Name of person to be baptized (as on the birth certificate):
3. Is the person being baptized male or female:
4. Father's name:
5. Mother's first & last name (with maiden name, if applicable):
6. Date of birth of person to be baptized:
7. City & state of birth of person to be baptized:
8. Name of the person sponsoring the baptism*:
9. Saint's name for the child:

*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.

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.