

TAKE THIS REMINDER HOME

Home Blessing Date: _____ Time: _____

Preparation:

- All in the household should make every effort to be present for the Blessing. If you live alone, please arrange for a friend or neighbor to join you for the prayers, for propriety's sake.
- Before the priest arrives, prepare the lampada (and/or candle), hand-censer, and incense (if you have them) in the family's icon corner.
- A small bowl of this year's Holy Water, along with several sprigs of evergreen, should also be placed in the icon corner, along with a clearly printed list of the Baptismal names of the members of the household.
- All televisions, radios, stereos, etc., in the home should be turned off.
- When the priest arrives, he is to be greeted by all of the family members, each asking his blessing and reverencing his right hand.
- A family member lights the lampada (or candle) and hand-censer and the entire family gathers with the priest before the icon corner to begin the Theophany Home Blessing.
- Any refreshments should observe fasting rules, be moderate and be alcohol-free.
- If you'd like to invite the priest for a meal, please pre-arrange it.
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