

Practical considerations in preparation for Holy Baptism

Contact the church office or email Fr Noah to make arrangements.

Choosing Godparents:

- There must be at least one must be Orthodox in good standing.
- They must get a blessing from their parish priest.
- There may also be a non-Orthodox Christian witness – an “unofficial Godparent.”

The following items are necessary (*Provided by parents or godparents*):

- Baptismal cross
- Baptismal garment
- Two clean white towels
- Olive oil - a small amount may be donated
- Two Candles (for sale at the candle stand in the west of the church, fancy ones for \$10 each)
- Fill out a baptismal record form - you can get it from the website or from Vera by email or paper.

You may also...

- Choose an epistle reader (if you have family or friend who does that well – should be Orthodox)
- Some like to prepare extra candles so that all the children can join the procession around the font (“As many of you”) carrying candles in the procession around the font.
- Prepare some favors (the Greek word is so beautiful: martyria /witnesses) - some sweets or an icon bookmark, etc.
- Make an offering to the church (for the extra utilities) and to the choir.
- Host a reception in the Great Room following the baptism.

Honoraria for the priest, deacon, and servers are appreciated but not necessary.

Also, it is a custom that on the next three Sundays the Newly Illumined receives Holy Communion with God-parents, if possible, with baptismal candles lit, and at the front of the line.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:27