

# Sts. Markella & Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

## Baptism Checklist

PAPERWORK DUE DATE	
Last page of Baptism arrangement guide, completed	On day of scheduling
Childs Birth Certificate	On day of scheduling
Parent Permission Paper (if Necessary)	On day of scheduling
Letter of good standing for any godparent(s) who aren't current stewards of Sts. Markella & Demetrios Parish	14 days prior to Baptism

### THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO CHURCH FOR THE BAPTISM:

1. **Baptismal outfit (all white outfit)**
2. **Small (about 4 oz.) bottle of olive oil**
3. **Cross – usually gold or silver and preferably not a crucifix**
4. **Decorated baptismal candle (along with two smaller ones, if you want)**
5. **Bar of soap (optional)**
6. **Two white hand towels (not washcloths)**
7. **One large white bath towel**
8. **One White Sheet (twin size)**

### OPTIONAL

9. **Martyrika (witness ribbons)**
10. **Boubounieres (candy-covered almonds wrapped in tulle)**

Dear Parent(s),

We are excited to be planning your child's Baptism with you and the child's Godparent(s)! When thinking of Godparent(s), they must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good ecclesiastical standing, which includes being a financial steward of Sts. Markella & Demetrios' parish.... or another Orthodox parish that we are in communion with. If from another parish, the sponsor must have his/her parish priest submit a Letter of Good Standing (signed and sealed by the parish priest). Please have your sponsor take care of this requirement early, so that it does not become an obstacle for Baptism.

*In the case of divorce, legal separation and shared custody situations, etc. both parents must provide their consent (in writing and notarized) for the child's Baptism.*

Fees: There are no fees for any sacrament in the Orthodox Church. The family should be current stewards of their parish.

**ON THE DAY OF THE BAPTISM**, plan to arrive a **half hour before the scheduled time**. Videos and still photos may be taken from specific areas that are not interrupting the sacrament.

# BAPTISM APPLICATION

Please print legibly:

Child's Full Name (as it appears in the Birth Certificate):

\_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Place of Birth (City/State/Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Child's Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Baptismal Name to be Given (in Greek and in English) \_\_\_\_\_

Godparent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Godparent(s) Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Who Performed Parents' Wedding \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priest/Minister's Name or Public Official/Civil Authority)

Place of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_