



Baptismal/Chrismation Service - Preparation Details

To help you prepare for the upcoming baptismal/chrismation service, here are some essential details.

Sponsor Communication:

Please share this information with your sponsor. They may be able to assist you with acquiring necessary items for the service or may have already purchased them.

Service Guidance:

Father Daniel will guide you through the service "step-by-step," so there's no need to memorize anything in advance.

Service Book:

The baptismal service book we'll be using is attached. You are welcome to print a copy, just in case we don't have enough on hand for everyone.

Instructions for Participants:

If you are being baptized:

- Please arrive wearing dark-colored clothes that can get wet.
- Bring towels and light-colored clothes to change into afterward, which you will

wear for the remainder of the service.

If you are being chrismated only:

- Please arrive wearing light-colored clothes.

For all participants (baptism or chrismation):

- Please bring a candle that can burn for most of the service. (Candles are available for purchase in the narthex if needed. Check with your sponsor, as they may be planning to provide one for you.)
- Wear shoes that can be easily removed, as your feet will be anointed with oil.

Cross Necklace:

If your sponsor is purchasing your cross necklace, they will bring it to the service. If you have purchased your own, please bring it with you.

Sponsor Support During Service:

Your sponsor will stand behind you throughout the service, offering support and guidance as needed.

Divine Liturgy and Holy Communion:

After the service, the Divine Liturgy will begin, and you will be the first to receive Holy Communion. Your sponsor will remain behind you and can hold your candle before you approach the chalice.

Important Notes for Holy Communion:

- Please abstain from eating or drinking anything after midnight on the morning of the service.
- Before leaving for the Liturgy, please recite the "Before Communion Prayers." These can be found in any Orthodox prayer book.
- Cross your arms (right over left) over your chest as you wait in line to receive Holy Communion. Keep your arms crossed while receiving and kiss the base of the chalice afterward.
- After receiving Communion, you may (but are not required to) take some blessed bread and wine offered by the altar servers.