

# ST DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## BAPTISM PREPARATION FORM

*Please Fill Out Both Sides of the form*

ANTICIPATED DATE OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENTS INFORMATION

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name and Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Place of Marriage (City): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Priest: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILD'S INFORMATION

Name as it will appear on the baptismal certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (City): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month by name): \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female

*You may detach the information below and keep it for your reference.*

### WHAT YOU MUST KNOW BEFORE BOOKING A BAPTISM DATE

#### Scheduling

The date and time for the Sacrament should be arranged with the priest as far in advance as possible. The attached form is to be completed and returned promptly so that the Baptismal Certificate can be prepared. Parents and Sponsors should be present 20 minutes before the scheduled time to receive instruction as to the order of service. The service will begin at the scheduled time, as long as the parents, the child, and the godparents are all present. It is your responsibility to arrange a meeting with you, the Godparents, and Fr. Kosta as far in advance as possible.

#### The Role of the Sponsor

A Godparent assumes an important and sacred responsibility. The Sponsor will be expected to make the appropriate responses and to read the Creed during the baptism Service. If you need a copy of the Creed, please contact Fr. Kosta.

#### Items to be Provided

- a hand towel
- a large towel and sheet (or blanket) to wrap the child
- a bar of soap
- a small bottle of olive oil
- an undershirt
- a large white candle
- a set of white clothes to be dressed in after the baptism
- a cross

#### Photographs

Discreet taking of photographs is permitted. The Priest must be consulted beforehand.

#### Membership and Fee Requirements

##### **For Parents**

Parents are responsible to make sure their membership and fees is up to date, before the baptism date. Please call the office for details.

##### **For Sponsors**

Sponsors must be of the Orthodox Christian faith, in good standing, that is, in full communion and free of any canonical impediment (for example, married outside the Orthodox Church). **The Godparent must be active in the faith and in his/her church.** Members of St. Demetrios must be current with their membership. If members of another Parish, they will ask their Priest to forward a letter, **at least 3 weeks in advance**, certifying active membership as well as eligibility to act as Sponsors.

**If you have questions regarding the role of the Sponsor and the items needed please speak with Fr. Kosta. For Fees and Membership please contact the church office at 204-889-8723.**

**NOTE: All corresponding certificates and letters must be provided at the time of application, whether delivered by hand or scanned and emailed to the priest. A Baptism date cannot be set without all the proper paperwork.**

**Fr. Kosta's Email: fatherkosta@me.com**

## BAPTISM PREPARATION FORM (continued)

### GODPARENT INFORMATION

***Godparents: Your must be Orthodox Christians in Good Standing and if married, must be married in the Orthodox Church. If not members of this church, a letter of Good Standing from your canonical priest is required, along with proof of membership in your church. You must also be committed to attend Church on a regular basis and have at least a basic understanding of the Orthodox Faith.***

Baptismal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism (Provide Baptism Certificate or letter of Baptism and Good Standing from your priest, if Baptism did not take place at St. Demetrios): \_\_\_\_\_

Married: Yes / No (Provide Orthodox Marriage Certificate if Marriage did not take place at St. Demetrios)

If "yes," in which church? \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: