

ST DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

BAPTISM PREPARATION FORM

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 information sheet is 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 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.

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 Requirements

For Parents

Parents are responsible to make sure their membership 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, please call the priest at 204-889-8723.

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: _____ Date: _____ Priest: _____

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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.

Baptismal Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ (Provide Baptism Certificate 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: _____

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Name as it will appear on the baptismal certificate: _____

Place of Birth (city): _____ Date: _____ Sex: Male / Female

NOTE: Photocopies of 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.

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