



**SAINT GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**ΑΓΙΟΣ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ**  
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Dear Parents,

Congratulations! We are pleased to hear of your plans to baptize your child in the tradition of the Holy Orthodox Church. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism begins your child's life in the Church and it is hoped that you will accept this responsibility sincerely and honestly so that your child will grow in the Lord through the teachings and traditions of our Holy Church. If you commit yourselves to giving your child the firm and sound roots of Christ in his/her life, these roots will bear much fruit later on in life. God bless you as you begin the Lord's work of love for your child.

In order that we may assist you in your plans and efforts in planning this Sacrament, we would like to offer the following reminders and guidelines:

1. You should be members in good standing with the Parish, having fulfilled all spiritual and financial obligations to the Church.
2. All financial obligations must be paid at least two weeks prior to the Baptismal date.
3. The sponsor (godparent) must be Orthodox. If married, the marriage must have taken place in the Orthodox Church.
4. **Everyone should be at the Church at least 30 minutes before the time scheduled for the Sacrament in order to sign all necessary papers and set up for the Sacrament.**
5. If you are having a photographer, he must consult with the priest before the Sacrament as to guidelines for taking pictures.
6. If by chance the baby becomes upset during the course of the Sacrament, please do not come forward with keys, toys, pacifiers, etc., to calm the child down. These only add to the confusion.

**7. DUE TO THE CURRENT CONDITIONS AND FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BRING THE CHILD TO CHURCH 2 MORE TIMES TO RECEIVE COMMUNION. THE CHILD WILL BE GIVEN COMMUNION AT HIS/HER BAPTISM. WHENEVER THE FAMILY FEELS COMFORTABLE AND ATTENDS CHURCH PLEASE BRING THE BABY UP FOR COMMUNION.**

**8. Once the date and time have been confirmed a baptismal form will be sent to you which you should fill out and return to the church office, as soon as possible, so that the Baptismal Certificate can be prepared.**

If you have any questions regarding the Sacrament, please feel free to contact the church office or me directly at (781)593-6162.

We look forward to this blessed day when your child will enter the Faith,

Yours in Christ,

*† Fr. George*

Rev. George D. Tsoukalas  
Protopresbyter

**NOTE:**

**Church Fee \$100.00**