



Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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Beloved in the Lord,

Congratulations on the great honor and responsibility of being asked to be a Godparent. Please take note of the following:

The Godparent must be an Orthodox Christian and a member in good standing with their Church. **If the Godparent is not a member of the Annunciation Parish, they must have a letter from their own Orthodox parish stating his/her eligibility to act as Godparent.**

If the person selected to become Godparent is married, but their marriage was not conducted in the Orthodox Church, they are **not** eligible to be a Godparent.

THE GODPARENT MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE BAPTISM:

- A. White clothes for the child to be worn after the Baptismal ceremony.
- B. A gold cross for the child.
- C. A white linen sheet and a large towel to wrap around the child.
- D. 2 white towels for the Priest and Godparent.
- E. A bar of soap.
- F. A small bottle of olive oil.
- G. Three white candles.

*If the Child is older than 2 years old, then provide everything except item C.

The Godparent should be at the Church at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the Baptism.

The Godparent will recite the Creed during the baptismal service. The Godparent should thoroughly study the Creed, which is attached, and be aware of its contents in advance of the service.

If a cantor is requested and available, at least \$50.00 should be given to the cantor for their services.

Immediately upon the completion of the Baptismal Service, the Godparent must sign the Baptismal Certificate.

For two (2) consecutive Sundays thereafter, the Godparent should carry the child to the Altar to receive Holy Communion with their lighted baptismal candle.



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I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages;

Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.

Amen.