



SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Preparing for Chrismation

Please discuss and plan the date of Chrismation with Fr. Herman.

Choosing Sponsors/Godparents:

- There must be at least one - must be Orthodox in good standing.
- If there are two, must be one male and one female
- Get Fr. Herman's blessing for your choice.
- They must get a blessing from their parish priest.
- There may also be a non-Orthodox Christian witness – an “unofficial Godparent.”

The following items are necessary (*Provided by catechumen or sponsors*):

- Baptismal cross
- Candle (fancy ones available from the church)
- Fill out a chrismation record form – contact Kh. Vera.

You may also...

- Choose an epistle reader (an Orthodox Christian friend or family member who reads well)
- Prepare some favors (the Greek word is so beautiful: martyria /witnesses) - some sweets or an icon bookmark, etc.
- Make an offering to the church (for the extra utilities) and to the choir.
- Host a reception or assist with Coffee Hour in the Great Room following the baptism.

You may also provide honoraria for the priest, deacon, chanter (if no choir), and servers.

Also, it is a custom that on the next three Sundays the Newly Illumined receives Holy Communion with Sponsors, if possible, with Chrismation candles lit, and at the front of the line.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever

Psalm 23:5-6