



**SAINT ANDREW
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ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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Preparing for your child's Holy Baptism

Please discuss and plan the date of Baptism with the priest, beginning at the eighth-day naming prayers.

Choosing Godparents:

- There must be at least one - must be Orthodox in good standing.
- If there are two, there must be one male and one female
- Get the priest'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 to be provided by parents or godparents:

- Baptismal cross
- Baptismal garment
- Two clean white bath towels, small white hand towel
- Olive oil (light, not extra-virgin) - a large amount
- A Candle
- Fill out a baptismal record form – contact Kh. Vera (standrewlewes@gmail.com) if you have questions

You may also...

- Make an offering to the church (for the extra utilities) and to the choir.
- Host a reception (at the church or elsewhere) following the baptism. (Please let the priest know your plans.)

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 God-parents, if possible, with baptismal candles lit, and at the front of the line.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Galatians 3:27