



BAPTISM INFORMATION

When making arrangements to have your child baptized:

- Contact the church office as soon as possible when setting a date for a baptism.
- Whenever possible, the Child should be baptized before the age of six months.
- Godparent(s) must be Orthodox.
- Parents and godparents must be in good standing with the Church (if from another parish they must provide a letter from their parish priest stating this fact.)
- All appropriate forms must be completed and fulfilled at least two weeks in advance of the baptism.
- Baptisms may be conducted any time throughout the year except on the following days: December 26 – January 6, major feast days and Holy Week.
- After the Baptism, the baby should receive communion three times with the Godparent and the baptismal candle. The first time will be the day of the Baptism, and then for two following Divine Liturgy services. The Godparent/Parent will bring the baby up for communion with the lit candle first, before the rest of the congregation comes forward.

Needed on the day of the baptism:

1. A complete change of clothing for the baby (from diapers to hat, includes undershirt.)
2. One Gold/Silver Cross.
3. One small bottle of olive oil.
4. One bar of soap.
5. Two large white bath towels.
6. Two white hand towels.
7. One white candle to be held by the Godparent. (If you wish, you may provide additional candles to include children in the ceremony.)

Fees:

If the parents are not members of the Saints Constantine and Helen Church, and they do not wish to become members, there is a fee of \$350. It is also customary, but not required, to offer a small monetary appreciation to the serving Chanter, Assistant, and Priest.