

Baptism Checklist

Baptismal Cross (& Chain)

According to tradition, the Baptismal Cross must be an Orthodox Cross. Just a plain Cross without the Crucified Corpus. Crucifixes are acceptable as long as the feet are individually nailed, and not nailed one on top of the other.

If it is an infant/child Baptism, the Sponsor/Godparent provides the Cross and brings it on the day of the Baptism.

If it is an adult Baptism, the Catechumen provides for their own Cross, unless the Sponsor wishes to give it as a Baptism gift for their Godchild.



Crucifix with feet separately nailed



Plain Cross

Baptismal Tunic

A White Tunic/Robe with a Cross embroidered on the back.

If it is an infant/child Baptism, the Sponsor/Godparent provides the Tunic and brings it on the day of the Baptism.

If it is an adult Baptism, the Catechumen provides for their own Tunic, unless the Sponsor wishes to give it as a Baptism gift for their Godchild.



Baptismal Candle

1 Large Baptismal Candle

This should not be a taper or a used candle. It must be thicker and longer than an ordinary taper. The Catechumen who will be baptised will keep this candle forever.

If it is an infant/child Baptism, the Sponsor/Godparent provides the Candle and brings it on the day of the Baptism.

If it is an adult Baptism, the Catechumen provides for their own Candle, unless the Sponsor wishes to give it as a Baptism gift for their Godchild.



Towels

1 White Hand Towel (A face towel)

1 Large White Bath Towel

1 Large White Sheet (if it is an infant Baptism. This is not needed if it is an adult Baptism)

If it is an infant/child Baptism, the Sponsor/Godparent provides the Towels and brings them on the day of the Baptism.

If it is an adult Baptism, the Catechumen brings their own Towels.



Oil

1 Small Bottle of Olive Oil

Feel free to decant oil into a decorative bottle, or just bring as it is. Make sure that the bottle opening is free of encumbrances so that the priest can easily insert an anointing brush into the bottle or to dab his fingers with oil.

Any leftover oil after the Baptism is given as an offering to the church for their oil lamps...etc.

If it is an infant/child Baptism, the Sponsor/Godparent provides the Oil and brings it on the day of the Baptism.

If it is an adult Baptism, the Catechumen brings their own Oil.



*Bottle opening to be free
of any obstructions*

If the Catechumen or Sponsor have trouble sourcing any of these items, please talk to the clergy well ahead of the time of the Baptism. The Mission may be able to help.

Honourarium

A donation is usually given for the use of venue (e.g. church and hall) and the venue's utilities (water, electricity...etc). If it is an infant/child Baptism, the sponsor is responsible for the honourarium. You are also welcome to give a stipend to the clergy. We do not charge any fees for baptism certificates.

The following items are to be supplied by Adult Catechumens (Parents and Godparents may provide the following for their children/Godchildren):

Change of Underclothes

When it comes time for the Catechumen to be immersed 3 times in the Baptismal Font, the adult Catechumen should wear at least a t-shirt and shorts on top of their underclothes.

Once the Newly-Illumined emerges for the final time from the Baptismal Waters, they will go to the meeting room or rest room to dry themselves and change into dry clothes.

Remember to wipe feet thoroughly when you get out of the baptism font. Wear sandals/flip-flops/shoes that are easy to put on/off. Walk slowly and carefully to the area where you will dry off and change. Don't slip.

After that, the Newly-Illumined will return to the center of the church. Remove shoes again at this point. Sandals/flip-flops can stay on. You will then be given the white Baptismal Tunic to wear for the rest of the Baptism Service as well as the Cross and hold your lit candle. You will also wear the Baptismal Tunic, Cross and hold your lit candle during the Liturgy on the following day for your first Holy Communion.