

ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
1160 MAMMOTH ROAD, DRACUT MA 01826 ~(978)957-6051
BAPTISMS

Dear _____:

We pray this letter finds you well as we all look forward to baptizing your child. This is a joyous and spiritual celebration for your entire family and the entire Church of God. We are honored to accept this new Christian into the Orthodox Church. It is important to us that the Baptism of your child is a joyous day you will never forget. There are certain guidelines pertaining to the Sacramental Life of our Church. This is just a short note to make sure everything is in order for the blessed occasion.

1. **Make certain you have reserved a date and time with our Church Office.**
2. **Please make certain you are currently a “member in good standing: with a parish (for at least 2 years or you must pay 2 years membership dues.)** If you have not paid your membership dues please make certain that you are up to date. If not married in the Orthodox Church, or if divorced, not having obtained an Ecclesiastical Divorce etc.), please contact the church office.
3. **Make certain you have chosen appropriate Godparents for your child.** The role of Godparent in the Orthodox Church is not just a social one. The Godparent is spiritually responsible for many aspects of your child’s life. It is the Godparent who will affirm the faith of your child in the Service of Baptism. They will do this by denying Satan and accepting Christ, and reading the Creed (statement of what we believe as Orthodox Christians) on your child’s behalf. It is then the Godparents responsibility along with yours to make sure that your child grows up to become not only a good person, but also a good Orthodox Christian. **For this reason it is necessary that Godparents be Orthodox Christians of high moral character and in good standing with their local parish.** It is important to your Church, as I am sure that it is important to you, that your child be given the best opportunity and guidance as they grow to be followers of Christ. Non-Orthodox are able to participate in the Sacrament in a limited capacity, however, the actual Sponsor must be an Orthodox Christian. It is the sponsor;s name which will appear on the Baptismal certificate. **A Godparent who is not a member of this church, but of another Orthodox Church, must present a 2 year “Letter of Good Standing” from their parish.** Please contact the Church Office if there are any questions at (978)957-6051.
4. **The following items must be brought to Church on the day of the Baptism:**
 - A. a small bottle of Olive Oil
 - B. a new bar of White Soap
 - C. a new White Large Bath Towel
 - D. a new White Hand Towel
 - E. at least 2 White Pillar Candles
 - F. a new White Undergarment and outfit to dress the child in after the Baptism
 - G. a Baptismal Cross on a Chain
5. * It has been customary that a donation be made to the Church for your Happy Occasion in addition to: Church Donation \$100.00, Presiding Priest Donation: \$150.00, Chanter Donation: \$100.00, & Custodian Donation: \$50.00 **(Please submit donations in separate envelopes at least 2 weeks before)**
6. Attached please find a BAPTISM INFORMATION FORM which we ask you to **fill out before your Baptism to get some information to complete your child’s Baptismal Certificate. Please fill out the form and return it to the Church office ASAP along with your Church Usage Donation. ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE RECEIVED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM AND ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE MET.** Please contact the Church Office if there are any questions at (978)957-6051. *May God Bless and keep you.*

According to our records we have your Baptism scheduled for _____ @ _____.

If this is incorrect, please contact the church office IMMEDIATELY.

THANK YOU.

2/1/2015

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BAPTISM INFORMATION

Date of Baptism: _____

Time of Baptism: _____

Date of 40 Day Baby Blessing: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's (Maiden) Name: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Father's Place of Birth: _____

Mother's Place of Birth: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____

Member at which Parish? _____

Good Standing Status: _____

letter enclosed: _____

(2 year letter of Good Standing required)

Yes

No

Married in an Orthodox Church? _____

Married When? _____

Married in which Orthodox Church? _____

Married by whom? _____

NAME OF INFANT: _____ **Sex of Infant:** _____

Birth Place of Infant: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Name of GODPARENT(s): (MUST be Orthodox): _____

Address of GODPARENT(s): _____

Phone # of GODPARENT(s): _____

Member(s) at which Greek Orthodox Church? _____

Good Standing Status: _____

letter enclosed: _____

(2 year letter of Good Standing required)

Yes

No

Name of SPONSOR: (Non-Orthodox): _____
(can not participate in anointing ritual)

**** Please Return This Paperwork & Financial Obligations To The Church Office at least 2 Weeks Prior to the Baptism Date. ****