

# CHRISMATION INFORMATION SHEET

## Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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Congratulations on your decision to be chrismated into the Orthodox faith! May God bring many blessings to you throughout life. Always remember to thank God for His wonderful mercy.

The Chrismation is an exciting and special moment in the life of the Christian. Prior preparations and planning will make this special day more joyful and memorable. Please contact the Priest with questions and to schedule the date for the Chrismation.

This Information Sheet will assist the planning of the Chrismation and the accurate completion of the Chrismation Certificate. The sponsor(s) is (are) to be Orthodox Christian(s) in good standing, which also includes being financial steward(s) of this Parish (or another Orthodox Parish). If, in good standing with another Parish, the Holy Trinity Church Office should receive a Letter of Good Standing (*signed and sealed by the Orthodox Parish Priest in which they attend*) at least **one month prior to the Chrismation**. The sponsors' stewardship at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Carmel **or** their Letter of Good Standing from another Orthodox Parish is needed for their participation in the Chrismation. Please inform the sponsor(s) to fulfill this requirement in a timely manner.

Our Cathedral Chanter, Dean Maniakas, will chant and assist during the Chrismation. An honorarium for his services should be offered, if the Chrismation is not celebrated during a Divine Liturgy.

**CLERGY INVITATION** – Please do not assume that the Priest will automatically attend and/or offer a prayer at the Chrismation reception. If his presence is desired, he should receive an invitation.

### **THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO CHURCH FOR THE BAPTISM:**

- 1. Cross (preferably not a crucifix).**
- 2. Hand-held candle, which can be decorated, if preferred.**

**ON THE DAY OF THE CHRISMATION**, please be at Holy Trinity Cathedral at the scheduled time. This will afford the opportunity to orient the sponsor(s) to their responsibilities. Video and still photographs may be taken, while maintaining reverence and respect during the Chrismation. Flash may not be used. You and your sponsor(s) should familiarize themselves with the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, which *you and they recite* loudly during the Service.

**FOLLOWING THE CHRISMATION and if this Sacrament is celebrated during the Divine Liturgy**, you will be receiving Holy Communion first with your sponsor(s) and, if possible, on two more consecutive Sundays, thereby completing the cycle of three. As these occasions are special and memorable, the family and the Sponsors are encouraged to receive Holy Communion with the newly chrismated Orthodox Christian.

**THE CHRISMATION CERTIFICATE** will be signed by the sponsor(s) and the Priest after the Chrismation Service. This Certificate is an important document for the newly chrismated Orthodox Christian and will be handed to you. This official document verifies that you have been chrismated in the Orthodox Church and will be needed for future events in life, such as wedding or sponsorship. Consequently, with any important document, the Certificate of the Chrismation should be kept safely with other important documents, such as baptism certificates, marriage certificates, etc.

The following provides a summary of the dates for planning and preparations:

1. Schedule the Chrismation with the Priest only.
2. *At least one month prior to the Chrismation*, if applicable, the Letter of Good Standing that is signed and sealed by the Orthodox Parish Priest of another Parish is received at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Office.
3. *At least one month prior to the Chrismation*, please ensure that the Chrismation Information Sheet is completed and returned to the Holy Trinity Cathedral Office.
4. *On the day of the Chrismation*, please arrive at Holy Trinity Cathedral on time.

*The above information is included for the benefit of ALL families celebrating a Chrismation. Not all information and/or instructions may apply to everyone.*

*If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Cathedral Office or Priest.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
As listed on Birth Certificate

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Chrismation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Patron Saint of Chrismation Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

Previous denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed**

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.  
Amen.