



METROPOLIS OF BOSTON

Hellenic Orthodox Church Holy Trinity



NATIONAL HISTORIC PLACE

Dear Godparent,

Congratulations! We are pleased to hear of your plans to be a Godparent. In order that we may assist you in your efforts and to avoid any confusion or embarrassment on the day of the Baptism, we offer the following information for your consideration.

It is a sacred privilege and honor to be a Godparent. You, as the Godparent, are the representative of the child being admitted into the Holy Orthodox Church. You speak for the child and vow that you will make certain that the child will grow up to be a true soldier of Christ and a devoted member of His Church. You accept the sacred responsibility of guiding the child in the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- A. The Godparent must be an Orthodox Christian and a member in good standing with the Church. If the Godparent is not a member of Holy Trinity Church, a letter from their parish priest is required, stating their eligibility to act as a Godparent.
- B. If the person selected to become a Godparent is married, the marriage must have taken place in the Orthodox Church.
- C. The Godparent should be at the Church at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled time for the Baptism.
- D. The Godparent must provide the following articles for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
 1. White clothes (including T-shirt) for the child, to be worn after the ceremony.
 2. A gold cross for the child.
 3. A white linen sheet and a large white towel or blanket to wrap around the child.
 4. A white hand towel for the Priest and the Godparent.
 5. A bar of soap so that both may wash their hands after the immersion of the child.
 6. A small bottle of oil.
 7. Three white candles.

Also, according to our tradition, the Godparent at the reception distributes the lapel crosses and favors.

- E. The Godparent should thoroughly study the Creed (attached) and be aware of its contents for he/she will be asked to read it aloud during the service. The Creed is the outline of our beliefs and every effort should be made by every Orthodox to learn it in Greek or in English.

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F. For three (3) consecutive Sundays, thereafter, the Godparent, along with the parents, brings the child to the Church, with the candle from the Baptismal Ceremony and all will receive Holy Communion.

If you have any questions regarding the Sacrament, please feel free to contact the Church office at (978) 458-8092.

Looking forward to the blessed day of the Baptism and praying God's blessing upon you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas
Presbyter

Note: It is customary to offer a gratuity to those who will serve you during this Sacrament.

Officiating Clergyman
Chanter: \$100.00
Sexton: \$50.00