



ST. CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Helpful Information for the Baptism of your Child

Congratulations! We are very pleased that you have scheduled a Sacrament to be performed at the Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Catherine's in Braintree, MA. We would like to offer the following information for your careful consideration.

1. Parents are expected to be stewards in good standing of Saint Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church. A stewardship form is available upon request. In addition, the following documentation is needed:
 - Birth Certificate of Child
 - Wedding Certificate of Parents (if not married in our church)
2. The Sponsor (Godparent) must be an Orthodox Christian in good standing with the Church and with his/her parish. The Sponsor should have a letter from his/her parish if he/she is not a member of Saint Catherine's. The Orthodox Church allows for one Godparent or possibly a couple who have been married in the Church and are in good standing.
 - If the sponsor is not a member of an Orthodox parish, they will be required to become steward of St. Catherine's. A stewardship form is available upon request
 - Further documentation needed:
 - Baptismal Certificate (if single)
 - Marriage Certificate (if married)
3. If the parents and the sponsor are stewards of another parish, a facilities fee of \$500 will be required.
4. It is customary to give a voluntary offering to the sexton and chanter for their services. You can turn these monetary gifts in sealed envelopes with the rest of the paperwork.
5. The items listed below are to be brought to the church on the day of the Baptism either by the parent or the sponsor:
 - Small vessel with olive oil
 - Bar of soap
 - Three candles
 - A hand towel and bath towel
 - A large white sheet
 - A new white Christening outfit for the child
 - A cross for the child
6. Kindly submit all required documents and fees to the church at least two (2) weeks before the baptism, so that the Baptismal Certificate may be prepared in a timely fashion. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the priest or the church secretary at 781-843-0047. Thank You!