



## ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

The Orthodox Church, both in heaven and on earth, rejoices when it receives a child through the sacrament of holy baptism. We at the Assumption Church also share in your joy and eagerly anticipate this sacred moment in your child's life.

Arrangements have been made for your child to be baptized on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM. If there is any change, contact the church office immediately. Please make certain that you, the godparent, your family, and guests are in the church at least 20 minutes before the start of the sacrament. Also, kindly remind your guests to maintain a reverent decorum in the church at all times, whether a service is taking place or not. Be sure that your financial commitment to the church has been met at least 14 days prior to the baptismal date, and do not wait to do so on the day of the baptism.

You should also be judicious in choosing a godparent for your child. Godparents must be Orthodox Christians in good sacramental and financial standing with their church, which must be in sacramental communion with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Any concern should be brought to the immediate attention of our priest. As parents, you are placing an awesome responsibility on your child's godparents. They should understand that you are entrusting them to join with you in the spiritual upbringing of your child.

In this baptism packet, you will find the following items: 1) a Baptism Guidelines document; 2) a Baptismal Information Form, which needs to be completed and submitted to the church office as soon as possible, and 3) an Assumption Church pledge card if you have not submitted one this calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Again, we look forward to sharing in the joy of this glorious day for your child. May God bless you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

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