

**ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BAPTISM INFORMATION FORM**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism represents the beginning of a person's life as a Christian. When planning a baptism, certain guidelines should be followed:

1. There must be at least moral certitude that the child or person to be baptized will be raised in and will practice the Orthodox Faith.
2. The candidate for baptism/chrisamation must have at least one sponsor (godparent), and this person must be a baptized and practicing Orthodox Christian. *Any sponsor whom the priest does not know as a spiritual child, i.e., someone from out of town, must send a letter from his or her spiritual father attesting to his or her ability to serve as a sponsor.*
3. All non-infant candidates for baptism/chrisamation will need instruction by the priest for at least a six month period, according to the priest's sole discretion.
4. Preparation for baptism/chrisamation will include participation in Confession and Holy Communion on the part of the sponsor(s) prior to the baptism, and may include counseling sessions with the parents and sponsor(s), according to the priest's sole discretion.

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES FOR BAPTISM. No "rental fees" are required for the use of church facility in connection with the baptism service. However, since St. George Church will incur expenses for cleaning the church facility before and after your event, as well as utilities, etc., a donation is requested in the form of a fee to cover these costs. A discount is provided for supporting members of St. George Church. The requested donation is as follows:

Rate: \$150

Pledging Member Discounted Rate: \$75

Note: If the candidate for baptism is an adult, then the candidate must be a pledging member of St. George Church to receive the pledging member rate. All fees must be received by the church prior to the date of the baptism.

USE OF SMALL HALL OR MICHAEL G. NASSIF CENTER FOR RECEPTION. If you wish to use the facilities for your baptism reception, please ask the church secretary for a Hall Use Agreement, which contains the terms and conditions for such use, and contact a member of the Hall Rental Committee.

ARCHDIOCESE RECORDS FEES. Please complete the form on the reverse side and return it to the church secretary with a \$10.00 fee (checks should be made to "Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese"). This information is needed for local church records and for your baptism certificate, which will be mailed to you from the Archdiocese office after the baptism.

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Baptism candidate's full name: _____

_____ Male _____ Female

Date of birth (Month/Day/Year): _____

Place of birth: _____

Date of Baptism/Chrismation _____

Place of baptism: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Father's full name: _____

Mother's full maiden name: _____

Current address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Godfather's full name: _____ Home Parish _____

Godmother's full name: _____ Home Parish _____

Sacrament administered by: _____

Other Orthodox Clergy to be invited to Baptism:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Home Parish _____

FEES TO BE SUMITTED WITH THIS FORM: *Please enclose two checks*

Facilities Fee: \$ _____ (Make check payable to *St. George Church*)

Archdiocese Records Fee \$ 10.00 (Make check payable to *Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese*)