



Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church

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Reception Into the Church by Chrismation

In some cases, when a person has already been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, they will be received into the Orthodox Church by Chrismation, with the blessing of the Bishop. Usually this is preceded by a period of being a catechumen, for at least one festal cycle (a year).

Adult chrismation is often done during the Divine Liturgy.

Chrismation Checklist

Before the service, in consultation with the Priest:

- Select a sponsor, who is a member of an Orthodox Church in good standing
- Select a patron Saint (a Christian name) if necessary
- Schedule your life Confession
- Schedule the date of Chrismation

The following items, which are traditionally provided by the sponsor (godparent), are needed for the service:

- Cross – traditionally provided by the sponsor, if the candidate does not already have one
- 1 candle for newly illumined person
- An icon your patron saint
- A new set of white clothes to wear during service. Suggestion -
 - White shirt and khaki pants for men
 - White dress for women