

Sts. Markella & Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

104 Bryn Mawr Blvd., Mary Esther, FL 32569

Baptism Guidelines

We are pleased that you are considering Sts. Markella and Demetrios as a possible location to celebrate the Sacrament of holy Baptism. We would be honored to assist you with this celebration and offer the information below to help you.

Requirements

At least one of the parents of a minor candidate for baptism must be a member in good standing at an Orthodox Church. We require a letter of good standing to certify this. You need to ask your parish priest or church office for this letter and provide it to us at least two weeks before the baptism is scheduled to happen. If you are a member in good standing at Sts. Markella and Demetrios, this requirement is deemed to be satisfied.

The Godparent or Sponsor must also be a member in good standing at an Orthodox Church and provide a letter of good standing at least two weeks before the date of the baptism.

We require a copy of the candidate's Birth Certificate at least two weeks before the baptism.

We must receive at least two weeks before the date of the baptism a completed Baptism Application. A blank Baptism Application can be found below.

If the parents of a minor candidate are divorced or legally separated and/or there are shared custody arrangements, then each parent must each provide a written and notarized statement of their consent to the candidate's baptism.

Items Needed for the Day of the Baptism

All White Baptismal Outfit
Baptismal Cross Necklace
Decorated Baptismal Candle (plus two smaller ones, if desired)
Bottle of Olive Oil (approx. 8 oz)
One White Twin Sheet
One White Bath Towel
Two White Hand Towels
A Bar of Dove/Ivory Soap

You should arrive 15 minutes before the baptism is scheduled to begin. Please note that photography is permitted during the service.

BAPTISM APPLICATION

Please print legibly:

Candidate's Full Name (as it appears on the Birth Certificate):

_____ Gender: M F

Father's Name _____

Father's Place of Birth _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Place of Birth _____

Parent's Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Child's Place of Birth (City/State/Country) _____

Date of Child's Birth _____

Date of Baptism _____

Baptismal Name to be Given (in Greek or in English) _____

Godparent(s) Name(s) _____

Church Godparent Attends _____