

Saint Sophia Cathedral

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SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

PARISH REQUIREMENTS, OBLIGATIONS, SERVICES AND FEES

We are delighted that you have chosen Saint Sophia Cathedral to celebrate your child's Sacrament of Baptism. May the Lord bless you with His grace and guide you through your sacred commitment to your child's Christian walk of life. We look forward to welcoming you and assisting you to prepare for your child's baptism, as we are dedicated to making this most important celebration meaningful and memorable.

Please contact our Office Manager/Sacraments Director, who will be directing you through the preparation of the sacrament and is responsible for: booking your sacrament date and time; communicating with the Priest, Sacrament Coordinator, and Events Director; and processing your sacrament documents.

REQUIREMENTS

In order for a person to participate in a sacrament, he/she must be a parishioner in good standing. Any person eighteen years of age or older, who was baptized according to the rites of the Orthodox Church, or was received into the Church through Chrismation, lives according to the faith and canons of the Church, abides by the Regulations and By-Laws of the Parish, and has met his/her stewardship financial obligations to the Parish is a Parishioner/Steward in Good Standing. Please contact the office to learn more.

OBLIGATIONS OF PARENTS

SAINT SOPHIA STEWARDS: Participating in a sacrament with no obligation of service fees is a privilege of being a steward in good standing. There is no service fee if the parents are Saint Sophia stewards in good standing and met their financial obligations for two years preceding the sacrament.

NON-SAINT SOPHIA STEWARDS: The baptism cathedral service fee is \$3000 plus a \$1000 refundable deposit and payable in full 90 days prior to the sacrament. This fee may be applied to Sacraments by selecting the Pay Cathedral Service Fee link. If you wish to become a Saint Sophia Steward and continue participating in the life of the Church, you have the choice of applying this fee to Stewardship by selecting the Pay Stewardship link.

OBLIGATIONS OF GODPARENTS

SAINT SOPHIA STEWARDS: The sponsor will need to be members in good standing for the year in which the baptism will take place. The sponsor is also required to submit proof of being baptized according to the rites of the Orthodox church.

NON-SAINT SOPHIA STEWARDS: The sponsor is required to submit a letter of good standing from the Orthodox parish in which they are stewarded members, otherwise they will need to become members of Saint Sophia Cathedral. The sponsor is also required to submit proof of being baptized according to the rites of the Orthodox church.

If you wish to become a Saint Sophia Steward and continue participating in the life of the Church, you may visit the *Stewardship* link on our website: saintsophia.org

SACRAMENT COORDINATOR SERVICES AND PARKING INFORMATION

SACRAMENT COORDINATOR SERVICES: The Sacrament Coordinator sets up the Cathedral for operation, answers questions regarding baptism guidelines and Cathedral policies, and assists the priest during the sacrament.

PARKING: The Cathedral provides parking for up to 150 guests. If you have over 150 guests, additional parking attendants are required at a service fee. Please contact the Events Director for arrangements.