



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR

ORTHODOX CHURCH - HARRISBURG, PA
Orthodox Church in America • Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

Catechumen Checklist

For Adults being Baptized or Chrismated

- Write a 1-2 page “Spiritual Autobiography” and submit it to Fr. Stephen.**
 - If you haven’t done so already, if you are registered on the membership role of another religious body, write to this body and ask to be removed from their membership roster.
 - Complete our Parish Directory Questionnaire ([link](#)); or visit www.CTSHBG.org - “Parish Resources” tab.
 - Provide our Priest documentation of your baptism in your former confession or indicate that you have not previously been Baptized.
 - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is at the ultimate discretion of our bishop as to whether Baptism, *and/or* Chrismation is required for entry into the Church.

- Prepare and make a life confession. This will be done by appointment the week before being received by Chrismation or Baptism.**
 - This should lead into establishing a regular confession practice (at least every other month, or more frequently as circumstance dictate).

- If you haven’t done so already, please complete a parish membership questionnaire.**

- Confirm Sponsor/Godparent(s)**
 - Please discuss with our Priest *prior to asking* the potential sponsor.

- You will need a cross, candle, and an icon of your patron** (*and, if being baptized, a white towel & small bottle of extra virgin olive oil*).
 - Will you or your sponsor purchase these things? People being received should spend time selecting a cross. If you want a particular type of Cross, you should tell the sponsor that you are making this purchase.
 - It is customary to have an icon of your Patron Saint. It would be nice to have it for your reception, but if it arrives later – don’t worry, we’ll bless it then.
 - (*If being baptized*). Obtain a baptismal robe or discuss other options with our Priest.
 - As a rule of thumb, those being received by Chrismation should wear bright clothes (white dress or blouse for women, white collared shirt and khaki pants for men). During the service you will be bare foot (*you can bring sandals to wear when standing in the congregation*)

- Review the Baptism/Chrismation Service**



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