

Items necessary for a Baptism

1. Gold Byzantine Cross
2. Complete white outfit (no other color except white or off white)
3. White sheet (usually for a twin bed, this will go home with you)
4. Large White Bath Towel (will go home with you)
5. Small White Hand Towel (stays at the Church)
6. Small Bottle of olive oil (3 to 4 ounces)
7. Small white bar of soap (preferably Ivory or Dove)
8. Three Candles: one is for the baby to be decorated with a bow, the other two will remain in the church. The baby's candle comes with the baby for the next three Sundays after the baptism.
9. The sponsor (Godparents) must be married in the Orthodox Church. If the sponsor is not from the Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption a letter must be provided from the sponsor's parish priest stating that he/she is in good standing in the Church.

Please note: the large bath towel, the white crib sheet, and the white outfit of the child should first be washed by hand in a basin and the water should then be poured out into an area that does not drain into a sewer (i.e. your lawn, plants, flower beds). Any other garments which have come into contact with the holy oils should also be washed this way. You may then later wash them in the washing machine. Thank you!