



**SAINT MARKELLA**  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Rev. Fr. George Kolios, Presbyter



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Dear Mr. & Mrs. ....,

It was a pleasure to contact the office of our parish to schedule the baptism of your child. Thank you so much for cordial wishes to baptize your child at our church of St. Markella. May St. Markella always intercede for your child and your entire family.

Please note that we will hold the date for you through the end of the week (or until someone else requests that date). The date of the sacrament will **be automatically confirmed once we receive the application**, which you may send via email, fax, and mail or deliver in person.

I am enclosing all the info and forms for the baptism sacrament of your child. You may fill out the forms and send them back to our church office at your earliest convenience.

Remember the most important document / info is:

For the parents:

- a) **Birth Certificate of the Baby to be baptized – Please note: Certificate has to be a document from the state or county and not from the hospital.**
- b) The attached forms to be completed.
- c) **For the non-member(s) of St. Markella Church a LETTER from the Priest** of the Parish to which they are current members indicating good standing with the church is sufficient. **Please note a stewardship card IS NOT acceptable OTHERWISE**, they must become member(s) at St. Markella Church. **At least (1) Parent's or Godparent's will need to be members** of St. Markella Church.

For the Godparent(s):

- a) **Baptismal Certificate of Godparent(s)**
- b) The attached forms to be completed.
- c) **For the non-member(s) of St. Markella Church a LETTER from the Priest** of the Parish to which they are current members indicating good standing with the church is sufficient. **Please note a stewardship card IS NOT acceptable. OTHERWISE**, they must become member(s) at St. Markella Church.

\*If there is more than one Godparent, (different families - **all must become members of the church.**

For any further information or questions, please call the office at (516) 783-5760 or you may email me at your convenience at least two weeks **PRIOR** to the sacrament.

With the Lord's blessings,

Fr. George Kolios

**PETITION FOR BAPTISM**

*DATE of Baptism:* \_\_\_\_\_ *TIME:* \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS**

LAST NAME: .....

FIRST NAMES: FATHER: .....MOTHER: .....

CURRENT ADDRESS: .....

CITY:.....STATE:.....ZIP:.....

TELEPHONE #: .....EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

**CHILD**

MALE ..... FEMALE .....

BAPTISMAL NAME: .....CHILD'S BIRTH DATE:.....

CHILD'S PLACE OF BIRTH:.....

**PARENTS:**

**FATHER**

PLACE OF BIRTH: .....DATE OF BIRTH .....FAITH: .....

**MOTHER**

**MAIDEN NAME:** .....PLACE OF BIRTH: .....

DATE OF BIRTH:.....FAITH: .....

We WERE..... WERE NOT.....Married in the Eastern Orthodox Church

**DATE OF WEDDING:** .....**NAME OF CHURCH:** .....

CITY: .....STATE: .....

**NAME OF PRIEST WHO MARRIED YOU:** .....

*WE ARE CURRENTLY MEMBERS OF SAINT MARKELLA CHURCH.....*

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:** #..... Year\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: NO DATE & TIME OF THE BAPTISM WILL BE CONFIRMED BY OUR OFFICE UNLESS ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETED AND ALL REQUIRED PAPERS ARE PRESENTED.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Time is important to others, as is for you.  
Please arrive early so that we may start the Baptism on time.  
We allocate an hour for each Sacrament.  
Your delay may upset the entire schedule for the day. Please be on time!**

**WHAT GODPARENTS NEED TO BRING FOR THE BAPTISM**

1. Very large white bath towel and a white hand towel
2. One bar of soap
3. One small bottle pure Olive Oil
4. A cross with chain
5. One white sheet
6. White underwear
7. A gown/suit of clothes
8. One large white Easter Candle

**DIRECTIONS AFTER BAPTISM**

**Following the Baptism, for the next three consecutive Sundays, it is suggested that the parents bring the child to church to receive Holy Communion. It is custom to have the Godparent bring the child up to the Altar for the child to receive, along with the lit Baptismal candle.**

**GODPARENT FORM \*\*\*\* Must be fill out ONLY by Godparent(s)**

LAST NAME:.....FIRST NAME.....

ADDRESS:.....

CITY: ..... STATE: ..... ZIP: .....

TELEPHONE #: .....

DATE OF BIRTH: .....

FAITH: MUST BE ORTHODOX (Eastern Orthodox Rite).....

CHURCH IN YOU WERE BAPTIZED:.....

SINGLE:..... MARRIED: ..... DIVORCED: .....

CHURCH IN WHICH YOU WERE MARRIED: .....

MEMBER OF WHICH ORTHODOX CHURCH:.....

CITY & STATE OF CHURCH .....

STEWARDSHIP/MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: # .....

**NOTE:**

**CANNOT SERVE AS GODPARENT IF YOU:**

**Are not of Eastern Orthodox Faith**

**Were not baptized in a Eastern Orthodox Church**

**Were not MARRIED in a Eastern Orthodox Church**

**Were not Ecclesiastically Divorced**

**Are not an Active Member of the Eastern Orthodox Church**

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

**MEMBERSHIP for Parents: Please note: Membership term is from January to December in the same year, not the date of fulfilling the obligation.**

Parents of the child must be active members of Greek Orthodox parish communicant with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America **for the year the Baptism takes place.**

If you are not members, you **must** become members and pay the Stewardship minimum in **full** prior to the baptism. Presently the Stewardship **minimums** are as follows:

- \* Family (Household) .....\$425
- \* Individual (18-21 yr. old).....\$250  
(Note: **When living with parents only**)  
Otherwise .....\$300
- \* Senior Citizen couple..... \$250

**Payments for the following will be collected upon payment of membership dues:**

- Psalti (Cantor) ..... \$ 70
- Neokoros (Sexton) ..... \$ 50

**Four weeks prior to the Baptism – or sooner:**

**Parents' membership:** Should be paid in full

**Godparent's membership:** Should be paid in full – or “**Letter of Good Standing**” needs to be received by our office. In the event there are more than one sponsor all sponsors must be members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

**At least one: Either Godparent’s or Parent’s should be members of St. Markella Church of Wantagh.**

**\*\*\* (FYI: please keep in mind that the cantor and the sexton are NOT Full Time church employees. Please consider that they will be away from their families and work related for at least 3 hours of their day) \*\*\*\*\* It is the tradition that the above is the responsibility of the sponsor(s), but if the sponsor(s) does not fulfilled this obligation then it becomes the parents' responsibility.**

**WE ARE KINDLY REQUESTING THAT A COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARENTS AND GODPARENT(S) IN REFERENCE TO THIS MATTER TAKES PLACE PRIOR TO THE SACRAMENT.**

**DIRECTIONS TO ST. MARKELLA**

**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

1960 JONES AVENUE NORTH

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CORNER of JONES AVENUE AND BROOKLYN AVENUE

TEL: (516) 783-5760

**Coming from NYC, Astoria, and Queens & Western Nassau.**

Take the Long Island Expressway East or Grand Central Parkway to the Northern State Parkway or the Southern State Parkway to the Wantagh Parkway South.

Take exit W5E to Sunrise Highway. Make a right on Sunrise Highway going east **and** make left to the first traffic light, which Wantagh Avenue. Make another left immediately after the train underpass (Wantagh RR Station) unto Brooklyn Avenue. McDonald's restaurant is on the corner. The Church is on the right hand side, approximately 200 yards behind McDonalds Rest.

**Coming from Eastern Nassau and Suffolk**

Take LIE, Northern or Southern State Parkway West to Wantagh Parkway South. Wantagh Parkway South to exit W5E to Sunrise Highway. Make a right on Sunrise Highway going east **and** make left to the first traffic light, which Wantagh Avenue. Make another left immediately after the train underpass (Wantagh RR Station) unto Brooklyn Avenue. McDonald's restaurant is on the corner. The Church is on the right hand side, approximately 200 yards behind McDonalds Rest.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

God Bless!

**Your Notes**