

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FORM**

St. Thomas Albanian Orthodox Church  
29150 Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336

*Please print clearly*

*This information will be imprinted onto the official certificate of baptism*

**Name of person being baptized** (as recorded on birth certificate)

\_\_\_\_\_

**City & State of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of baptism** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male** \_\_\_\_\_ **Female** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name to be recorded on Baptismal Certificate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptismal Name** (if different than birth name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Birthplace** (city and state or country) \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Faith** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Birthplace** (city and state or country) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Faith** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marriage performed by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Priest/ Minister/ Justice of Peace**

**Are you current members\* in good standing at St. Thomas ?**      **Yes**      **No**      **(circle one)**

*\* A member is defined as a person or household that has paid a pledge to St. Thomas Church in the previous year, and is pledged for the current year.*

**GODPARENT(S)**

Name of godparent \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**I acknowledge proposed godparents are baptized in the Orthodox faith; Yes (please circle)**

If baptized at St. Thomas... date and priest who baptized:

\_\_\_\_\_

If not baptized at St. Thomas, date and church where baptized:

(copy of baptismal certificate required)

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE**

**According to the canons of the Orthodox church,  
the godparent must be baptized in the Orthodox faith**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. THOMAS... WHEN COMPLETED.**

# BAPTISMAL GUIDELINES

*Please keep this sheet for your reference*

## **SCHEDULING & FORMS**

The date and time for the baptism should be arranged as far in advance as possible.  
No baptism will be scheduled less than a month in advance.  
Once you have completed the forms please return them as soon as possible to the church.  
The parents must meet with the priest at least 3 times before the baptism.

## **ROLE of the GODPARENT(S)**

A godparent assumes an important and sacred responsibility. He she will be expected to make the appropriate responses and to read the Creed during the ceremony and provide spiritual/religious guidance to his/ her godchild throughout their life.  
The godparent(s) must be baptized in the Orthodox faith and should be a member of either St. Thomas's or another Orthodox church.  
The godparent(s) must meet at least once with the priest.  
Documents that must be supplied to St. Thomas's by the godparent(s): Copy of baptismal certificate (if not baptized at St. Thomas's).

## **DAY OF THE BAPTISM**

### **Please bring:**

White bath sized towel  
White baptismal garment  
1 large candle (decorated if desired)  
Cross for child to wear

The parents and godparent(s) should arrive at church at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time so that everything can be arranged and placed in proper place/ order for the ceremony.

## **FEE and MEMBERSHIP**

**If you're not a member of St. Thomas's\*, there is a \$300 fee for use and upkeep of the church.**

If you are not a member of the church, we encourage you to fill out and return the membership/pledge form that is at the end of this document.

\* A member is defined as a person or household that has paid a pledge to St. Thomas's in the previous year, and is pledged for the current year.

## **CONTACT INFO**

Please call Father Paul Waters with questions at office # (248) 471-1059 -or- cell # (217) 556-3728

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**Church Membership Application**

**If you would like to become a member of St. Thomas Albanian Orthodox Church, please fill out this form and return it to the church office.**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BAPTIZED ORTHODOX: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**PLEASE SELECT ONE**

\_\_\_ MARRIED      \_\_\_ SINGLE      \_\_\_ WIDOWED

**If Married:**

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST

BAPTIZED ORTHODOX: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO      Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMES OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER AGE 21**

\_\_\_\_\_ BAPTIZED ORTHODOX: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

\_\_\_\_\_ BAPTIZED ORTHODOX: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

\_\_\_\_\_ BAPTIZED ORTHODOX: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

\_\_\_\_\_ BAPTIZED ORTHODOX: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**I will make a membership pledge to St. Thomas Church for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the year.**

- I will pay in full now (please mail payment with form)
- I will call the office to arrange a credit card payment
- Please send me quarterly statements