

Godparents Seminar

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

Atlanta, Georgia

I. Intro

- a. Overview of handouts & books
- b. What is the purpose of this seminar?

II. Introduction to the Sacraments/Mysteries

- a. What's a "Mystery?" Is it the same as a "Sacrament?"
- b. What's the purpose of a "Mystery?"
- c. How many sacraments are there?

III. Divinely Ordered Institutions

- a. Directly instituted by Christ & indirectly through His Apostles
- b. Why are mysteries necessary for personal salvation?

IV. The Mysteries and Purpose

- a. The "7 mysteries or sacraments"
- b. Among all mysteries, the Eucharist and Baptism hold, a preeminent position.
- c. Outward and inwards signs
- d. How are the mysteries perfected, by who, and how are they celebrated?

V. Baptism

- a. The Mystery itself:
- b. Three symbolic meanings of the water:
- c. Why Baptism?
- d. Ancestral Sin

VI. Godparents

- a. Role
- b. Responsibilities:

VII. Why infant Baptism?

VIII. Mechanics of the Sacrament

IX. Practicalities