

Sacraments of Holy Baptism & Chrismation

Understanding Baptism?

- 1) Greek word 'Baptizo' = to dip or to immerse
- 2) Main Purpose of Baptism
 - washing of our old ways of sin and being born again to new life in Christ (identifying with the death and resurrection of Christ)
 - initiation into the life of the Church

Main parts of the service

- 1) Confession of Faith
- 2) Blessing of the Waters
- 3) Baptism of the child
- 4) Chrismation – anointing with Holy Oil
- 5) Crowning & Receiving Holy Qurbana

Part I – Confession of Faith

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Hymn (Kukilion) – “Aan paithangale...” – Tone 2
-Separate for male and females
- 3) Prayer
- 4) Hymn – “Yuhanon Njetti...”
-Psalm with response – “The Lord is my shepherd...”
- 5) Promeon – Sedro
- 6) Hymn (Kolo) – “Kaakuka naadha sleebayal”
-main theme: By Your Cross, protect your children
who are seeking baptism

Part I cont'd– Confession of Faith

- 7) Ethro – Prayer with Incense
- 8) Hymn (Soomoro) – Psalm 42:1
- 9) Epistle Reading – Romans 5:20-6:11
main theme: dying to sin, being alive in Christ
- 10) Pethgomo (Psalm 51:7)
- 10) Gospel Reading – (Luke 3:15-21, John 3:14)
-main theme: must be born of water and Spirit
- 11) Hymn (Maneeso)- “Paadayan Thinmakale”

Part I cont'd– Confession of Faith

- 12) Prayer of Adjunction (Longer and Shorter Prayers)
-(Exorcism) – to expel or drive out all evil spirits
-priest makes nine signs of the Cross over the child
- 13) Renouncing Satan (West) – Accepting Christ (East)
-What is the role of Godfather or Godmother?
- 14) Reciting the Nicene-Constantinople Creed
-should be recited by all, especially by the Godparent
- 15) Oil of gladness
-rejoicing in the Word of God, the acceptance of faith
and entrance into the Church community

Part II – Blessing of the Waters

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Hymn (Kookoyo) – “Kelpin boothala...”
- 3) Prayer followed by the priest breathing upon the waters three times in the form of a Cross (sanctifying the waters)
- 4) Prayer
- 5) Invocation of Holy Spirit
- 6) Celebration of the Holy Chrism
- 7) Pouring of Holy Chrism into the waters
- Baptism of Water & Spirit!
- 8) Sanctifying of the Water
- 9) Baptism of child – immersed in the water

Part III – Chrismation

Chrism = seal of the Holy Spirit

Child is anointed after Baptism, on the body; the senses, joints and heart.

All the body's organs are sanctified, and hence the body becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Seal on forehead with Chrism
- 3) Hymn – “Deivam chonnan...”

-Practice of anointing Priests (Exodus 28:41), Kings (1 Samuel 10:1), Prophets (1 Kings 19:16) in Old Testament

-What does Messiah mean?

sealing with the spiritual gifts and child is empowered by the Holy Spirit

-We are all part of the royal priesthood – 1 Peter 2:9

Part IV – Crowning & Receiving Holy Qurbana

- 1) Crowned as Prince or Princess
 - What Adam lost is now restored in this child
 - Galatians 3:27-28 (one in Christ...)
- 2) Entrance into the altar (male and females)
- 3) Child receives Holy Qurbana for first time
- 4) Concluding Prayer, Dismissal
- 5) Removal of Crown after seven days