

Holy

- The ceremony begins with the betrothal service when the man and woman are engaged to one another.
- During the Crowning Ceremony, special prayers remind us of all the marriages God has blessed. We pray for the couple's marriage.
- Crowns are placed on the heads of the couple to symbolize the goal of marriage: salvation and martyrdom. Crowns also symbolize the couple becoming King and Queen of the household.
- The Epistle and Gospel are read and then the couple takes a first drink together.
- The priest leads the husband and wife around the table while the "Dance of Isaiah" is chanted.

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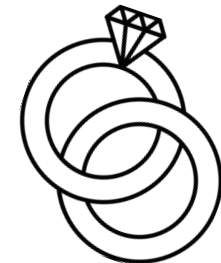
- We prepare by thinking about any bad choices we have made that we need to confess.
- We are confessing to God. The priest is our witness. The priest is also our counselor. He helps us try to make better choices in the future.
- After, the priest reads a prayer of absolution over us.

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- This service takes place during Liturgy.
- A person is ordained into the clergy as a deacon, priest or bishop.
- The bishop announces "Axios!" / "Worthy!" and the faithful respond joyfully by also chanting "Axios!".



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- The service begins in the Narthex where we pray that any evil spirit leaves the baby or catechumen.
- The person is immersed in the water three times for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and puts on their baptismal garment.
- The person is anointed with Holy Chrism.
- “All Ye That In Christ...” is chanted and the newly illumined walks around the font three times with the priest and Godparents.
- A small portion of hair from the newly illumined is offered to God.

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- This is a sacred mystery that requires preparation.
- The priest prepares before Liturgy begins by cutting the Prosphoro bread a special way.
- The parishioners pray and follow along during Liturgy.
- The elements (the Gifts) are brought out during the Great Entrance .
- The priest asks God to send down the Holy Spirit on the Gifts.
- The priests receive communion first.
- “With Fear of God and Faith and Love Draw Near” says the deacon and the faithful wait in line to receive. They cross their arms and again prepare themselves.
- We give thanks with prayers and hymns.

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- This mystery is a healing service.
- It is performed on Wednesday of Holy Week and other times as well, especially if someone is sick.
- Seven Epistles and Gospel passages are read to remind us of the healing powers of our Lord.
- There are seven candles in the bowl, one for each reading.
- At the end of the service the priest anoints the faithful.

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