

Orthodox Sacrament of Baptism:

The Orthodox Churches celebrate the sacrament of Baptism within a wider rite of initiation, which also includes **Chrismation** (anointing) and **Eucharist**. The baptism involves immersing the child three times in the baptismal font. Full immersion is used rather than sprinkling or pouring of water. The triple immersion parallels the belief in the Trinity and the prayers coinciding with the immersion invoke the Father, Son and Spirit.

The baptism is followed immediately by the anointing of the body with oils and the proclamation of the seal of the Holy Spirit. This is known as Chrismation. The child then receives Eucharist immediately after through a small piece of the bread and a few drops of the wine.