



CHRISMATION

Chrismation is the anointing of a newly baptized child with holy muron, “sealing” or marking that child as one who is special to God and loyal to God. With the chrismation, the child gets the Holy Spirit as a guide through life.

These are the blessings the priest gives on behalf of God as he anoints the child. Read them and think about how the entire child is blessed so that the child may grow up as a Christian with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Put the number of the blessing on the part of the baby that is being anointed.

1. Sweet oil is poured on the child’s forehead as a mark of heavenly gifts that cannot be spoiled or ruined or outgrown.
2. Oil is rubbed on the eyes to help the child always see Jesus’ goodness.
3. Muron is put on the ears so that they will always hear Jesus’ commandments.
4. The nose is anointed so the child may smell sweetness from this life to the next life with God.
5. The mouth is blessed so that the child will always say good things.
6. Holy oil is rubbed on both hands so that the child can grow to be one of God’s good helpers.
7. The chest is rubbed with oil over the heart so that the child will have a good spirit and a loving heart.
8. The back is blessed with oil as a protection from bad things and to make the child strong.
9. The feet are blessed so that the Holy Spirit will guide them to Jesus.

Now the Holy Spirit can help the child live the kind of life God wants the child to live. Then after death the child can have a new life with God in the kingdom of heaven.

Look at your forehead, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hands, heart, back and feet. Can you see the mark of the holy oil? No, but like the Holy Spirit which we cannot see, we know it is there. Our bodies are invisibly marked as belonging to God.