

The Perfect Pairing

Host a Viewing of “The Godparent Project” at Your Parish

“Picking your child’s godparent is one of the most important decisions you’re going to make” — Fr. Alexandros

A Movie Night Ministry Toolkit from the Orthodox Youth Ministries (OYM)

Why Host This

- **Approachable:** no lecture, no test, no former knowledge necessary — just a film, a meal, and a conversation about what it means to be a Godparent.
- **Reaches everyone:** new parents, godparents-to-be, longtime sponsors, and curious parishioners all get something out of it.
- **Formation through fellowship:** An opportunity to learn with your parish community.

What Is The Godparent Project?

A documentary-style video that prepares parents and godparents for baptism — through interviews with priests and matushkas, covering everything from early prep to life after the font.

Running Time: 37:28 minutes

Watch the video here: [The Godparent Project](#)

Voices from the Film

“A godparent is a way to extend and grow our families.” — Fr. Christopher

“The moment you’re going to be a godparent, your work begins.” — Fr. Alexandros

“A godparent is a sponsor — somebody who is there to guide us along the way.” — Fr. Christopher

Event Checklist

Planning

- Pick a date — consider pairing with a baptism, Nativity/Theophany, or a parent group
- Get the priest's blessing
- Assign roles: A/V, food, hospitality, promotion, discussion facilitator

Logistics

- Reserve the location + confirm A/V (screen, sound, streaming access, backup laptop)
- Test the film link/file ahead of time
- Arrange seating for conversation
- Plan childcare or a kids' activity if needed

Food & Hospitality

- Popcorn/snacks, or a light potluck supper beforehand
- For potlucks, use a sign-up sheet so dishes don't overlap

- Recruit volunteers for setup and cleanup

Suggested Run of Event

- Welcome & opening prayer — 5 min
- Introducing the film (brief intro) — 5 min
- Screening — 38 min
- Discussion — 15 to 25 min
- Closing prayer – 5 min

Discussion Questions

Pick 2–3 or all of them & feel free to make your own parish-specific ones!

- What surprised you about the role of a godparent?
- The film says choosing a godparent is a spiritual decision, not a social one. Thoughts?
- How can you stay present in a godchild's life, even from a distance?
- If you're (or hope to be) a godparent, what's one commitment you want to make?
- If you're a parent, what do you look for when choosing a godparent for your child?

Printable Version of Discussion Questions Here: [Printable Discussion Questions](#)

“We're so blessed to have a God who loves us so much.” — Fr. Christopher
