**Catechumen Patron Saint Form**

All Orthodox Christians are given Christian names by Christ through his priests. The Christian

name is the name of the person’s patron saint and serves as one’s first name. The catechumen is required to read *On Christian Names and Patron Saints,* posted on the Saint Andrew website (www.saintandrew.net).

The catechumen is encouraged to propose to the priest a patron saint as soon as possible. It is

recommended that if the catechumen already has a Christian name that this name be retained.

Devotion to this saint should begin, if not already in existence. Catechumens must obtain the blessing of the priest for their proposed patron saint.

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| **What will be your Christian name with which you are received into Orthodoxy?** *Write it below.* |
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| **Who is this Saint?** *Obtain the life story of this saint and study it. Summarize it below.* |
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| **What is the date of your nameday? (Month, Day)** |  |
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| **What is the troparion of your patron saint?** *Write it below.* |
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| **What is the prayer to your patron saint?** *Write it below.* |
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| **How does an Orthodox Christian celebrate his/her nameday?** *Write it below.* |
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