

Sacrament of Chrismation

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The Pentecost. Painting by Jean Restout (1732).

From earliest times the church has practised chrismation immediately following baptism. In the sacrament of chrismation (Gr. *chrismatis*, “anointing”) the newly baptised person receives the Holy Spirit through the anointing with oil by the bishop or priest. The roots of this sacrament are clear in both the Old and New Testaments, and are especially brought to light on the Day of Pentecost. [\(περισσότερα...\)](#)