

# BAPTISM IN ROMANIAN TRADITION – BETWEEN RITUAL AND SUPERSTITION

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***Abstract:** Baptism is the act of christening a baby. It belongs to the complex sequence of birth, that is, the first stage of human existence and the second in family life cycle after wedding. It comprises several stages: pregnancy and its related superstitions, birth assisted by the community midwife, fairies that meant for the baby's future since birth, and finally the christening ceremony performed by the community priest. The choice of God-parents as spiritual guides is particularly important to the family and child.*

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