

### 5. Baptism and church growth.

“The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1Pet. 3, 21).

The baptism service for our church always was joyful and unforgettable event. New souls decide to devote themselves to the Lord entirely. And it is fine. Angels in heavens rejoice, people who are baptized rejoice, we rejoice also — church, being the witness of made sacrament. If birthday in our church it is considered to be 2th November of 1992 year date of the first baptism (3th July of 1993 year) by right can be named by the first harvest, the first fruit, a crop. Thirteen persons have made decision to conclude a precept with the Lord by means of a water baptism.



Brother Gennady for whom it was huge pleasure, as, however, for all members of V.Volochok church made baptism. After all this church sent the reapers on the turned white fields of the Udomlya earth. And God has blest undertakings. Glory to Him. Literally in the face of the new church was born. By the time of a baptism in church already was six members of the church which have arrived from other places. Plus thirteen people who were baptized, plus one more brother was baptized one month later in V.Volochok. Total church from nineteen persons. Truly God has grown and has taken care of The Church. Words are involuntarily recollected: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1Cor. 3, 6)

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The baptism has been decided to spend on lake Kubycha as from two lakes nearest to a city it is more picturesque, and is more close to a city.

Has passed one more year of a life in the church rich, the sated life. The baptism of youth to which after that should become the basic motive power of church was a result of this year. And then, when there will be a generation of younger youth it, name senior. Eleven persons were baptized and have entered into a bosom earthly, and we trust and we hope as Universal church as it is told in the Writing: "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end" (Heb. 3, 6).

