

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

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KINDLY FILL ELECTRONICALLY ONLY

Groom's Name

Date of Birth

City

State

Bride's Name

Date of Birth

City

State

Date of Marriage

Mail Marriage Certificate to the Address Below:

(The certificate is issued and dispatched from the Archdiocese against a Fee of \$10.-)

Address

City

Sate

Zipcode

Marriage Parish Name

Address

City

State

Zipcode

License Issued by the State of

Male Witness

Female Witness

Marriage Officiant Name

Marriage Officiant Place, City

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE – ECCLESIASTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Marriages can be celebrated between Orthodox Christians, and between Orthodox Christians and other Christians, who have been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity within a denomination accepted by the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America. Marriages cannot be celebrated between Orthodox Christians and non-Christians, between relatives by blood or marriage, and on the following dates: Holy Week and Easter, August 1 through 15, August 29, September 14 and November 15 through December 25.

The Best Man and Maid of Honor (Sponsors), who are an active participant in the sacrament, must be an Orthodox Christian, and if married, must have been married in the Orthodox Church. Bridesmaids and ushers, who are not active participants in the sacrament, are not required to be Orthodox Christians.

Preparation for the Sacrament

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING - SEMINARS - ECCLESIASTICAL MARRIAGE LICENSE

At least 90 days prior to the sacrament, the Bride and Groom must schedule a pre-marital counseling meeting with the priest to discuss the details of the wedding.

THE BRIDE AND GROOM MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS, AS APPLICABLE:

- Baptismal Orthodox Certificates
- Baptismal Confirmation Letter, if she/he is from a non Orthodox Christian Church, confirming her/his baptism in the Holy Trinity and attesting to eligibility for marriage
- Parishioner in Good Standing Letter, if she/he is from another Orthodox parish, attesting to eligibility for marriage
- Certificate of Eligibility for Marriage, A letter must be provided from the bishop or the Metropolitan of the town or country, if she/he came from another country, stating that he/she has not been married before.
- Letter of Consent from parents, if Bride is under 18 years of age and Groom is under 21
- Civil Decree of Divorce, if she/he was formerly married
- Ecclesiastical Decree of Divorce, if she/he was formerly married in the Orthodox Church
- Death Certificate of Deceased Spouse, if she/he is widowed

THE BEST MAN AND MAID OF HONOR (SPONSORS) MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS, AS APPLICABLE:

- Baptismal Orthodox Certificate
- Ecclesiastical Decree of Divorce, if she/he was formerly married in the Orthodox Church

CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSE

Less than 90 days prior to the sacrament, the Bride and Groom must submit an application for a Civil Marriage License to the Registrar Recorder clerk of the county in which either she or he resides. The license must be submitted to St. GEORGE at least one week prior the wedding.