

ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
1160 MAMMOTH ROAD, DRACUT MA 01826 ~(978)957-6051
WEDDINGS

Dear Newly-Weds To Be;

We pray this letter finds you well, and that God may guide your steps as you proceed towards the Sacrament of Marriage in the Orthodox Church. We would like to congratulate you on your engagement and let you know we are available to answer any questions you may have.

Enclosed you will find 1.) a “WEDDING INFORMATION” form which we ask you to please fill out and return to the church office As Soon As Possible to reserve your date. This information is needed for your Marriage Certificate. **ALL PAPERWORK must BE RECEIVED As Soon As Possible, AND ALL OBLIGATIONS (financial and otherwise) MUST BE MET BEFORE attending the required marriage Seminar.** 2.) a registration form for the “MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINARS” required by the Diocese for all couples looking toward marriage in our church. Please fill it out as completely as possible and forward it to the requested location. We have enclosed the latest list of the dates on which the Seminars will be held along with the locations. If you are unable to attend ANY of the options on the enclosed dates, please contact the church office. 3.) You will also find an “AFFIDAVIT FOR LICENSE TO MARRY” paperwork which should be filled out and returned to the church along with your money order for \$100 made payable to The Metropolis of Boston. (no personal checks accepted.)

There are certain documents you will need and responsibilities you must take care of prior to your wedding.

1. **Make certain you are currently a “Member in Good Standing” with a parish for at least 2 years or you will be required to pay 2 years membership dues. (If you have not yet paid your membership dues you must make certain that you are up to date before filling out the paperwork and attending the wedding seminar.)**
2. **Baptismal Certificates** are required for both you and your future spouse, if you have converted to Orthodoxy then a Chrismation Certificate as well. In order to be married in the Orthodox Church, at least one spouse must be an Orthodox Christian in Good Standing. The other may be a Baptized Trinitarian Christian of another faith. If there are any questions, please contact the Diocese.
3. If either of you have been married before, a copy of your **Civil Divorce Certificate**, as well as an **Ecclesiastical Divorce Certificate** if married previously in the Orthodox Church is required.
4. **The “Marriage Preparation Seminar Certificate”** will be received upon completion of the seminar. **(remember, a letter of good standing is required by your priest when registering for the seminar.)**
5. **A Money Order for \$100.00** made payable to **The Metropolis of Boston** will be sent into the Diocese by the priest along with your “Affidavit for License To Marry” paperwork once the paperwork is reviewed and signed by the priest.
6. **A Civil Marriage Certificate** must be provided. This may be procured from your local Town or City Hall. **WITHOUT** a certificate, your wedding cannot lawfully be performed.
7. If your Koumbaros or Koumbara is not a member of the church, then they must provide for us a 2 Year Letter of Good Standing from their Parish Priest. Your Koumbaros or Koumbara **MUST BE** an Orthodox Christian in Good Standing with an Orthodox Church.
8. Contact the Church Office to make an appointment for your Wedding Rehearsal As Soon As Possible. **AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRIEST MUST BE MAKE 1 MONTH PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING DATE.** You must supply The Organist.
9. Contact the Church Office 1 month before your Wedding to set up an appointment with the priest to finalize all paperwork.
10. It has been customary that a Church Donation be made \$100.00 for your Happy Occasion in addition to the following:
\$150.00+ to the presiding priest, \$100.00+ to the chanter & \$50.00 to the custodian.

Please submit in separate envelopes.)

Points To Remember:

- . Rice is only allowed to be thrown **OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH** but BIRD FEED is recommended.
- . Rose Pedals may be used Inside the Church but **MUST BE KEPT ON THE AISLE RUNNER.**

AGAIN, If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Church Office.

May God Bless and keep you.

According to our records we have your WEDDING request for _____

If this is incorrect, please contact the church office IMMEDIATELY.

THANK YOU.

2/1/2015

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Date of Wedding: _____ **Time of Wedding:** _____

Groom's Name: _____ **Bride's Name:** _____

Groom's Address: _____ **Bride's Address:** _____

Groom's Phone #: _____ **Bride's Phone #:** _____

Religion: _____ **Bride's Religion:** _____

Groom's Place of Birth: _____ **Bride's Place of Birth:** _____

Groom's Date of Birth: _____ **Bride's Date of Birth:** _____

Member at which Parish? _____ **Member at which Parish?** _____

Good Standing Status: _____ **Good Standing Status:** _____

(2 year letter of Good Standing required)

Koumbara (Koumbaros) Name(s): _____

Address (s): _____

Phone # (s): _____

Member(s) at which Greek Orthodox Church? _____

Good Standing Status: _____ **letter enclosed:** _____

(2 year letter of Good Standing required)

Yes _____ **No** _____

Preparation Seminar Date: _____ **Location:** _____
(seminar certificate required)

Organist Rehearsal Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Priest's Meeting Date: _____ **Time:** _____ (1 month prior)

Baptismal Certificate Status: _____ **Bride:** _____ **Groom:** _____

Chrismation Certificate Status: (if applicable) _____ **Bride:** _____ **Groom:** _____

Civil Divorce/Ecclesiastical Divorce Certificate Status: : (if applicable) **Bride:** _____ **Groom:** _____

\$100 Diocese Money Order Status: _____
(no personal checks accepted) M/O made out to: Greek Orthodox Diocese of Boston"

*** Please Return This Paperwork & Financial Obligations To The Church Office A.S.A.P. ***