

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

AFFIDAVIT FOR LICENSE TO MARRY

Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_  
Episcopal License Number \_\_\_\_\_

FORM MUST BE TYPED

PROSPECTIVE GROOM'S INFORMATION

PROSPECTIVE BRIDE'S INFORMATION

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name  
Name in Greek \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name  
2. Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code  
3. Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country  
5. Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion at Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Chrismation into Orthodoxy \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country  
Father's Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country  
Mother's Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Have you ever been married?  No  Yes [check below]  
 Orthodox Church  Other Faith  Civilly  
10. If you were born in a foreign country, at what age did you arrive in the United States \_\_\_\_\_?  
Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
11. Are you related to the intended bride? Yes No  
By Blood    
By Marriage

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name [Maiden]  
Name in Greek \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name  
2. Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code  
3. Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country  
5. Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion at Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Chrismation into Orthodoxy \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country  
Father's Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country  
Mother's Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Have you ever been married?  No  Yes [check below]  
 Orthodox Church  Other Faith  Civilly  
10. If you were born in a foreign country, at what age did you arrive in the United States \_\_\_\_\_?  
Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
11. Are you related to the intended groom? Yes No  
By Blood    
By Marriage

If the answer to question 9 is "Yes," complete and attach Form 165. If the answer to question 11 is "Yes," then attach particulars.

The undersigned applicants for a License to Marry, depose and say, that to the best of their ability, knowledge, and belief the above statement respectfully signed by them is true, and that no legal or religious impediment exists as to the right of the applicants to enter into the marriage state

## HOLY ORTHODOX WEDDING RULES

Before the wedding takes place, and in order to avoid any misunderstandings, here are some rules that our Holy Orthodox Christian Church has given us to follow:

1. The best man (woman) or Koumbaro **must** be an Orthodox Christian in Good standing spiritually and financially.
  - a. Must be involved in the life of the Church
  - b. If married, must be married in the Church
  - c. If divorced, must have been released from the Church through Spiritual Court
  
2. If he/she is from another Orthodox Church, he/she **must** have an accompanying letter from his/her parish priest stating that he /she is in good standing financially and spiritually.
  
3. If the bride/groom was born in Greece and has come to the United States after his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, he/she **must** have a certificate from his/her Metropolis in Greece assuring that he/she has not been married prior to this marriage.
  
4. If an Orthodox Christian is asked to participate in a non-Orthodox Wedding, he/she **must not** receive Holy Communion at that service (i.e. Roman Catholic).
  
5. The bride and the groom prior to the wedding must complete the financial responsibility to the parish for facility and ceremony of \$750.00.
  
6. If the sponsor is married a copy of the sponsor's Ecclesiastical Marriage Certificate or a copy of the sponsor's Ecclesiastical Divorce must be submitted before the Wedding. If the sponsor cannot provide the Certificate, he/she needs to get a Transcript of Marriage from the parish he/she was married at (this should not be a copy of the Marriage License from the records, but needs to be a Transcript issued by the parish with the current priest's signature). Also for any Transcripts issued from parishes outside the Metropolis of New Jersey the Transcript must contain the Validation of the Priest's Signature by his respective Hierarch.
  
7. Items needed for the wedding ceremony are:
  - a. The Rings
  - b. The Crowns (Stephana)
  - c. Two Wedding Candles
  - d. Civil Marriage License

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Church Office at 410-573-2072 or Email [officeschannapolis@gmail.com](mailto:officeschannapolis@gmail.com)



Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
Diocese of New Jersey

## Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

Rev. Protopresbyter Kosmas Karavellas, Pastor

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING

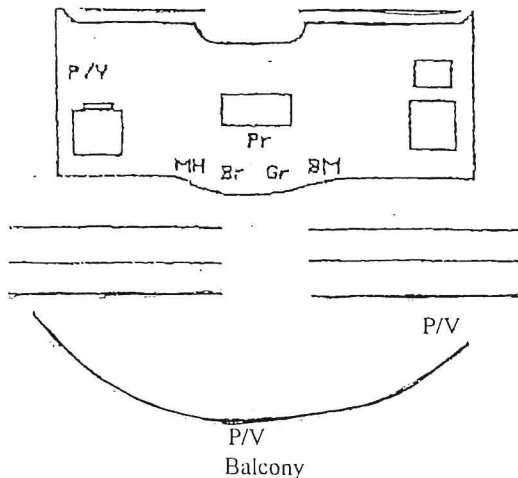
You have been engaged to photograph or videotape a Sacrament at Ss. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Annapolis, Maryland. You should arrive at the Church before the Sacrament, introduce yourself to me Father Kosmas, and ask any questions you may have pertaining to the Service.

Your purpose is to perpetuate the memory of an important and beautiful event for posterity through the medium of photography or video. Your presence should not in any way become a hindrance or obstacle to the religious service. Your movements and position should not disrupt the solemnity or prayerful attitude of the priest, the participants or the congregation.

Listed below are the rules and regulations for photographers and video-recording persons:

1. **Males and females must dress appropriately for the occasion. Females must wear a dress.**
2. You will remain in the prescribed area throughout the service, except for the processional and recessional, when you will come to the middle aisle. You may not stand on the pulpit, or on the sanctuary steps.

Please note diagram below for position:



P/V Photographer & Video Person  
Pr Priest  
Br Bride  
Gr Groom  
BM Best Man  
MH Maid of Honor

# Marriage License

The application process takes approximately 15 minutes. There is a 48-hour waiting period before the license is valid. The marriage license is valid for six months from the date of issuance and is only valid in Anne Arundel County.

The procedures for obtaining a marriage license in Anne Arundel County are as follows:

1. The Marriage License fee is \$55.00 in Anne Arundel County. We accept cash, Visa, MasterCard or Discover as payment. CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
2. One applicant must apply in person to give the information for both spouses.
3. The following information is required for each applicant:
  - Name**
  - Age**
  - Birth Date**
  - State or Country of Birth**
  - Current Address**
  - Social Security Number** for each person. (This information is required by Federal and State law and will not be printed on the marriage license.)If either party has been married previously, please **provide the exact month, day, year, county and state that all divorces and/or deaths occurred.** Documentation is not required in Anne Arundel County.
4. Both parties must be over 18 years of age. Proof of age is not required if both parties are 21 and older. Applicants 20 and younger are required to provide proof of age when applying for the license.
5. Applicants 17 and younger are required to call the License Department prior to applying.
6. A blood test is not required in the state of Maryland.
7. Under oath the applicant will be asked if the information provided is accurate. The applicant must sign the application under oath and indicate the truthfulness of the information under penalty of perjury.

**Office Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Monday through Friday (Closed weekends and State Holidays)**

**Marriage License Applications Accepted: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Civil Ceremonies: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**TO CONTACT US CALL: 410-222-1434**

The License Department is located in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County 7 Church Circle, Room H101, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. After you enter the courthouse, room H101 is located directly behind security. The Circuit Court is located in historic Annapolis on Church Circle. Parking meters are located on Calvert Street and West Street. Parking garages are located on Calvert Street, Northwest Street and Main Street.