

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE



NOTE : All information must be completed and returned,
along with all financial obligations met prior to
proceeding with the booking of the date of your event

**HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
BELLEVILLE, TRENTON & VICINITY**

SACRAMENT APPLICATION PAYMENTS FORM

- Sacrament of the Orthodox Church is performed by the parish priest
- All fees mentioned here within are to be fulfilled with the Elected Parish Council Treasurer or President prior to any bookings with the Parish Priest to ensure proper formation
- All parties (members and nonmembers of the Greek Orthodox community of Belleville) must financially contribute to the payment of an annual membership fee of \$100 per person in addition to a Community Administration fee of \$200 to help cover the many community expenses including utilities, insurance and maintenance. All fees collected are to ensure the Church and Community can meet its financial obligations.
- Parents and godparent(s) must be Members for a minimum of two years. If one or more parties are members of another parish they must provide documentation.
- Members who are in arrears for more than two years may re-establish their good standing by paying back 1 year membership plus the current year for a total of 2 year membership payment
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact and inform the chanter(s) of the date and time of the sacrament and to remunerate their service at \$50 upon and no later of the day of performed sacrament. It is also customary to offer a honourarium to the Priest and any other individual assisting in the service.
- No one with financial need will be turned away. If you feel that your financial circumstances affect your ability to pay the prescribed fee, please discuss it with our Parish Priest (Rev. Fr. Demetre Mouselimis)

***** Application MUST be signed and authorized by the Treasurer or President of the Parish Council *****

Sacrament: _____ Date: _____

Time: _____

Names of all members participating in Sacrament including all Koubari:

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| 1. | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |

(Signature of the Elected Parish Council Treasurer or President)

The above signature approves the validity that all members of the above mention have paid their fees and are up to date in there membership for the Greek Orthodox Community of Belleville, Trenton & Vicinity and that a proper Community Receipt has been forwarded to all recipients

Please forward this Application Rules Form to the Parish Priest upon completion and signature of the Parish Council Treasurer or President to verify and ensure a sacramental booking with the Parish Priest.

WEDDING INFORMATION FORM

ANTICIPATED DATE OF WEDDING: _____ TIME: _____

GROOM'S INFORMATION

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ DATE OF BAPTISM: _____ IN WHAT FAITH WERE
YOU BAPTIZED? _____ DATE JOINED ORTHODOXY (CHRISMATION): _____

OCCUPATION : _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____

FATHER'S COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____ FATHER'S RELIGION : _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME : _____ MOTHER'S COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____

MOTHER'S RELIGION: _____ HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED ? YES / NO

(IF "YES" YOU WILL NEED TO FILL OUT SUPPLEMENTARY FORM NO. 165 PROVIDED BY PRIEST)

IMMIGRATION INFO IF APPLICABLE: AGE ARRIVED IN CANADA: _____ DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION : EMAIL : _____

PHONE : _____ CELL: _____ OTHER: _____

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BRIDE'S INFORMATION

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ DATE OF BAPTISM: _____ IN WHAT FAITH WERE
YOU BAPTIZED? _____ DATE JOINED ORTHODOXY (CHRISMATION): _____

OCCUPATION : _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____

FATHER'S COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____ FATHER'S RELIGION : _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME : _____ MOTHER'S COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____

MOTHER'S RELIGION: _____ HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED ? YES / NO

(IF "YES" YOU WILL NEED TO FILL OUT SUPPLEMENTARY FORM NO. 165 PROVIDED BY PRIEST)

IMMIGRATION INFO IF APPLICABLE: AGE ARRIVED IN CANADA: _____ DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION : EMAIL : _____

PHONE : _____ *CELL:* _____ *OTHER:* _____

WEDDING INFORMATION FORM

KOUBARO / KOUBARA INFORMATION

NOTE: MUST BE ORTHODOX; IF MARRIED, MUST BE MARRIED IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

NAME : _____

CURRENT ADDRESS : _____

CITY : _____ PROVINCE : _____ POSTAL CODE : _____

DATE OF BAPTISM : _____ (PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATE OR PRIEST LETTER)

MARRIED? YES / NO DIVORCED? YES / NO NAME OF CHURCH: _____

CITY : _____ DATE : _____ NAME OF PRIEST: _____

(PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF CHURCH MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR LETTER FROM PRIEST)

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CONTACT INFORMATION : EMAIL: _____

PHONE : _____ CELL: _____ OTHER: _____

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WITNESS INFORMATION (DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ORTHODOX)

NAME : _____

CURRENT ADDRESS : _____

CITY : _____ PROVINCE : _____ POSTAL CODE : _____

CONTACT INFORMATION : EMAIL : _____

PHONE : _____ CELL: _____ OTHER: _____

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GROOM'S SIGNATURE : _____

BRIDE'S SIGNATURE : _____

REMINDER: DO NOT FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR MARRIAGE AT YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HALL AND TO FORWARD ALL FORMS TO FR. DEMETRE TO BE ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETED ATLEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR TO ANTICIPATED WEDDING DATE.

WEDDINGS

For the union of a man and woman to be recognized as sacramentally valid by the Orthodox Church, the following conditions must be met:

- 1. The Sacrament of Matrimony must be celebrated by an Orthodox Priest of a canonical Orthodox jurisdiction, according to the liturgical tradition of the Orthodox Church, in a canonical Orthodox Church, and with the authorization of the diocesan Bishop.*
- 2. Before requesting permission from his Bishop to perform the marriage, the Priest must verify that:*
 - a. neither of the parties in question are already married to other persons, either in this country or elsewhere;*
 - b. the parties in question are not related to each other to a degree that would constitute an impediment;*
 - c. if either or both parties are widowed, they have presented the death certificate(s) of the deceased spouse(s);*
 - d. if either or both of the parties have been previously married in the Orthodox Church, they have obtained ecclesiastical as well as civil divorce(s);*
 - e. the party or parties who are members of a parish other than the one in which the marriage is to be performed have provided a certificate declaring them to be members in good standing with that parish for the current year; and*
 - f. a civil marriage license has been obtained from civil authorities.*
- 3. No person may marry more than three times in the Church, with permission for a third marriage granted only with extreme oikonomia.*
- 4. In cases involving the marriage of Orthodox and non-Orthodox Christians, the latter must have been baptized, in water, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Church cannot bless the marriage of an Orthodox Christian to a non-Christian.*
- 5. **The Sponsor (koumbaros or koumbara)** must provide a current certificate of membership proving him or her to be an Orthodox Christian in good standing with the Church. A person who does not belong to a parish, or who belongs to a parish under the jurisdiction of a bishop who is not in communion with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, or who, if married, has not had his or her marriage blessed by the Orthodox Church, or, if divorced, has not received an ecclesiastical divorce, cannot be a sponsor. Non-Orthodox persons may be members of the wedding party, but may not exchange the rings or crowns.*

Days When Marriage Is Not Permitted

Marriages are not performed on fast days or during fasting seasons; these include the Great Lent and Holy Week, August 1-15, August 29 (Beheading of St. John the Baptist), September 14 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross), and December 13-25. Nor are marriages celebrated on the day before and the day of a Great Feast of the Lord, including Theophany (January 5 and 6), Pascha, Pentecost, and Christmas (December 24 and 25). Marriages may be performed on these days only by permission of the diocesan Bishop.

Inter-Christian Marriages

It is a fact that, the more a couple has in common, the more likely they are to live together in peace and concord. Shared faith and traditions spare couples and their children, as well as their extended families, many serious problems, and help to strengthen the bonds between them. Even so, the Orthodox Church will bless marriages between Orthodox and non-Orthodox partners, provided that:

- 1. The non-Orthodox partner is a Christian who has been baptized, in water, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; and*
- 2. The couple should be willing to baptize their children in the Orthodox Church and raise and nurture them in accordance with the Orthodox Faith.*

A baptized Orthodox Christian whose wedding has not been blessed by the Orthodox Church is no longer in good standing with the Church, and may not receive the Sacraments of the Church, including Holy Communion, or become a Sponsor of an Orthodox Marriage, Baptism or Chrismation. A non-Orthodox Christian who marries an Orthodox Christian does not thereby become a member of the Orthodox Church, and may not receive the Sacraments, including Holy Communion, or be buried by the Church, serve on the Parish Council, or vote in parish assemblies or elections. To participate in the Church's life, one must be received into the Church by the Sacrament of Baptism or, in the case of persons baptized with water in the Holy Trinity, following a period of instruction, by Chrismation.

Inter-religious Marriages

Canonical and theological reasons preclude the Orthodox Church from performing the Sacrament of Marriage for couples where one partner is Orthodox and the other partner is a non-Christian. As such, Orthodox Christians choosing to enter such marriages fall out of good standing with their Church and are unable to actively participate in the life of the Church. While this stance may seem confusing and rigid, it is guided by the Orthodox Church's love and concern for its member's religious and spiritual well-being.

Prohibited Marriages

The following types of relationships constitute impediments to marriage:

- 1. Parents with their own children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, or godchildren of the same godparents.*
- 2. Brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.*
- 3. Uncles and aunts with nieces and nephews.*
- 4. First cousins with each other.*
- 5. Foster parents with foster children or foster children with the children of foster parents.*
- 6. Godparents with godchildren or godparents with the parents of their godchildren.*