Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Metropolis of San Francisco

AFFIDAVIT FOR LICENSE TO MARRY

PARISH _____

ADDRESS _____

_____

CITY **STATE** **ZIP CODE**

Anticipated Date of the Wedding

FROM THE GROOM

1. **FULL NAME** _____
2. **ADDRESS** _____
3. **AGE** ____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____
4. **PLACE OF BIRTH** _____
5. **BAPTISM: RELIGION** _____
   BAPTISM: DATE _____
   DATE OF CHRISMATION INTO ORTHODOXY (IF NOT BAPTIZED ORTHODOX) _____
6. **OCCUPATION** _____
7. **FATHER: NAME** _____
   FATHER: PLACE OF BIRTH _____
   FATHER: RELIGION _____
8. **MOTHER: MAIDEN NAME** _____
   MOTHER: PLACE OF BIRTH _____
   MOTHER: RELIGION _____
9. **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED (IN A GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, CIVILLY, OR IN ANOTHER CHURCH)?** **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐
   *If **YES**, fill out Supplementary Form 165 (**Even if civilly married to the bride**).*
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 (COUSINS, etc.)? ☐ ☐
    BY MARRIAGE OR BAPTISM (AFFINITY) ☐ ☐

FROM THE BRIDE

1. **FULL NAME** _____
2. **ADDRESS** _____
3. **AGE** ____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____
4. **PLACE OF BIRTH** _____
5. **BAPTISM: RELIGION** _____
   BAPTISM: DATE _____
   DATE OF CHRISMATION INTO ORTHODOXY (IF NOT BAPTIZED ORTHODOX) _____
6. **OCCUPATION** _____
7. **FATHER: NAME** _____
   FATHER: PLACE OF BIRTH _____
   FATHER: RELIGION _____
8. **MOTHER: MAIDEN NAME** _____
   MOTHER: PLACE OF BIRTH _____
   MOTHER: RELIGION _____
9. **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED (IN A GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, CIVILLY, OR IN ANOTHER CHURCH)?** **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐
   *If **YES**, fill out Supplementary Form 165 (**Even if civilly married to the groom**).*
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 (COUSINS, etc.)? ☐ ☐
    BY MARRIAGE OR BAPTISM (AFFINITY) ☐ ☐

If the answer is "YES" to question 11 then a complete explanation must be submitted in writing to the Metropolis.

The undersigned applicants for a license for marriage, depose and say, that to the best of their knowledge and belief the above statements 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.

_____
SIGNATURE OF GROOM

_____
DATE

_____
SIGNATURE OF BRIDE

_____
DATE

I hereby certify that the above signatures of the applicants for a license for marriage are genuine and the statements made are accurate.

SEAL OF CHURCH
ΣΦΡΑΓΙΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΟΣ

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SIGNATURE OF PRIEST **PRIEST FIRST AND LAST NAME (PRINTED)** **DATE**

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Holy Metropolis of San Francisco

Affidavit For License To Marry

INSTRUCTIONS

- This Affidavit should be electronically filled or Typed. If it cannot be typed, please print legibly in CAPITAL letters.
- Submit this completed and signed affidavit to the "Department of Registry," Metropolis of San Francisco, **no less than 15 days prior** to the anticipated date of the wedding. In cases of absolute necessity only, the Metropolis will allow communication by email when all required documents have been SIGNED and submitted. B
- The priest has the responsibility of verifying that the Orthodox petitioner(s) is/are members in good standing of a Greek Orthodox Parish in America.
- In question #1 for the Bride: use the bride's maiden name or the last name of her previous marriage. Never use the last name of a present spouse, in the event that the bride and groom were married civilly before their ecclesiastical marriage. In question #7, if it is the bride's second marriage, then both her father's first and last name must be used.
- Required information includes: a) the anticipated date of the wedding; b) the exact birth and baptism dates; c) the city, state and country of birth; d) religious affiliation; e) occupation; f) date of moving into the Metropolis of San Francisco; g) the listing of any previous marriages, if applicable; and h) the date this form is completed.
- **The affidavit will be returned - - WITHOUT PERMISSION TO PERFORM THE WEDDING - - if any of these items are not completed.**

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

1. **Freedom to Marry Certificates**: (*Originals copies only*)
   a. A Freedom to Marry Certificate is required for any petitioner who comes from another Me tropolis after the age of 18.
   b. If from another country, the Certificate must be issued from the Diocese or Metropolis in which the person was born, and not from the parish or community.
   c. If from another Metropolis of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the Certificate must be issued from the home parish and verified by local Metropolitan.
2. **Death Certificates:** *(Photocopies are acceptable)*
   If widowed, the Death Certificate of the spouse from the previous marriage is required.
3. **Acknowledgement of Previous Marriages:**
   A 'Form 165' must be submitted by each petitioner if any previous marriage, ecclesiastical or civil has taken place
4. **Divorce Certificates:**
   a. **ORIGINAL Ecclesiastical Divorce Decrees** must be submitted with the affidavit to the Department of Registry. **Copies are not acceptable**
   a. **Civil Divorce Decrees** must be seen and verified by the parish priest. **No copy** needs to be submitted to the Department of Registry.
5. **Under the Age of 18:**
   Written consent by **both parents** must be submitted on behalf of any bride or groom under 18 years of age.

ACCURATE INFORMATION IS NECESSARY FOR PROPER DOCUMENTION

YOUR CAREFUL ATTENTION TO DETAILS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.