

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
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Wedding Arrangements

The following information and requirements are intended to provide the prospective bride and groom with guidance on the road to Holy Matrimony. The church office should be notified a year in advance in order to set the wedding date on the church calendar. An appointment with the priest should be made 40 days prior to the wedding day. At this meeting the following should be made available:

1. The date of Baptisms (For both the bride and groom).
2. The wedding license from City Hall.
3. The official married address.
4. The full names of the best man and the maid of honor.
5. The current residence of the best man (Koumbaros or Koumbara). They must both be of the Orthodox faith.
6. Arrangements must be made for the wedding rehearsal. (Usually the Friday before the nuptials).
7. Arrangements must be made if you would like the organist to perform. Likewise if you would like to have a white runner to cover the center aisle.
8. One of the fiancées must either be a member or become a member of our church as a new family.
9. The Koumbaro or Koumbara must also be a current member. In the event they belong to another Church they must have a letter from the pastor attesting to their good standing.
10. If either the bride or groom is not of the Orthodox faith but is a Christian of a different denomination, they must provide that Baptismal certificate.
11. If one of the parties was ecclesiastically married in an Orthodox Church and obtained only a civil divorce then they must fill an application (Supplemental Marriage Form 165) to the spiritual court. This application should be made two months prior to the wedding. The application and decision of the spiritual court takes approximately one month.
12. The following are required for the wedding ceremony:
 - a. Two large candles.
 - b. Two smaller white candles.
 - c. A silver tray with white Jordan almonds along with the wedding crowns.
 - d. The wedding rings.
 - e. Rice to be distributed to the well wishers outside the church at the end of the wedding ceremony.
 - f. At the end of the ceremony, and after the guests offer their congratulations, the Koumbaro or Koumbara must sign the wedding license documents at the Pastors' office.

Very Rev. Fr. Alexander Kile
Pastor