

# Wedding Application

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
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A donation to the Church is appreciated

**Wedding Date (dd/mm/yyyy):** \_\_\_\_\_

, Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Groom's Name (First/Last):** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

| Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Man's Name (First/Last):** \_\_\_\_\_

Best Man's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bride's Name (First/Last):** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

| Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Maid of Honour's Name (First/Last):** \_\_\_\_\_

Maid of Honour's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill the form and send it to [office@stgeorgeto.org](mailto:office@stgeorgeto.org) and [abouna@stgeorgeto.org](mailto:abouna@stgeorgeto.org)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

## **Marriage in St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church**

- 1) One of the two parties must be Orthodox and a member of St. George in Richmond Hill.
- 2) One of the two witnesses to the ceremony must be an Orthodox Christian. Either the best man or the maid of honor.
- 3) No non-Christian can be part of the bridal party. The bridal party and the groom's men must be a Christian baptized in the Name of the Trinity.
- 4) Here are some guidelines from the Priest Guide:
  - a) The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is one of the Holy Mysteries of the Orthodox Church. It unites both spiritually and physically a man and a woman into one cohesive unit that respects and proclaims each one's individual personality, while mystically drawing together man, woman, and the Holy Spirit into one family.
  - b) Marriage is prohibited between relatives by marriage to the Fourth Degree, e.g., between two brothers and two sisters, or a brother and his sister to a sister and her brother.
  - c) Marriage is forbidden between spiritual relatives to the Fourth Degree, e.g. Godchildren with their Sponsors at Baptism.
  - d) Understanding that the liturgical day begins at Vesper Hour (sunset), the celebration of marriage is prohibited at the following times:
    - September 14: The Elevation of the Cross
    - December 20-25: The final period of the Advent Fast and the Feast of the Nativity of Christ
    - January 5: The Paramon of Theophany
    - Great Lent and Bright Week: that is, Clean Monday through Bright Saturday
    - The Sunday of Pentecost
    - August 1-14: The Dormition Fast
    - August 29: The Beheading of St John the Baptist
  - e) The Sacrament of Marriage must be administered in a church building and not a private home. In cases where one or both parties are Orthodox, they should be instructed by the priest to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Communion.
  - f) No priest may officiate at the marriage of a divorced person without the express approval of the Metropolitan (it makes no difference whether the person was married in the Church or not or whether the divorced party is an Orthodox Christian or not).

- g) The priest shall be prepared to offer premarital counseling as a requirement to all those asking to be married.
- h) Before performing a marriage, the priest must ascertain that a civil license has been issued to the couple, and he must comply with the civil regulations regarding marriage that are in force in his State/Province. No marriage is permitted that does not meet the requirements of the official law of the local civil authorities.
- i) The Prayer for the Removal of the Crowns must be performed at the end of the Divine Liturgy following the couple's honeymoon.
- j) No songs are permitted to be sung during the service except those Orthodox hymns prescribed by the rubrics. All other music is forbidden during the service. Appropriate music may be permitted before or after the service at the discretion of the priest.
- 5) The Couple must complete the marriage form.
- 6) The couple must bring their baptismal certificates and a letter saying they were never married before.