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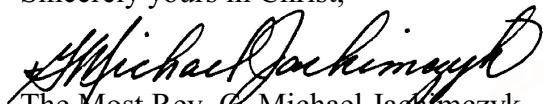
The American Orthodox Church, recognizes that Marriage is a Sacrament which was instituted by Christ as a means of expressing God's love and grace through the community of man. The marriage bond is one in which two souls choose to live in one life. This marriage bond is recognized between two individuals who are currently single and not held by this bond with any other individual.

In preparation for the acceptance of this union, The American Orthodox Church, requires those seeking this union to complete application and a period of interview with the pastor of the local church. The interview process includes one meeting with the couple together where they would express their intentions and desires of this union. A second and third meeting with each individual separately where each person could further discuss their meaning and purpose behind this decision and what this decision will mean for them and for the family they create. Finally, a meeting or series of meetings where the couple would bring together their beliefs and desires, as previously discussed under the direction of the church pastor, for a better understanding of the marriage bond and how that relates to their situation. It is at these final meetings that the actual date of the union will be set by the couple and the pastor.

The American Orthodox Church, does not charge a fee for any of the sacraments it is asked to officiate but a donation to cover the costs involved in this process toward union and to serve as a commitment on the part of the couple to complete the exchange they are requesting of the pastor is requested of the couple. This donation, \$200.00 for a simple service and \$250.00 for a service within the Divine Liturgy, is made in two payments, 50% to secure the date and commitment of the couple and 50% one week prior to the services. If extensive travel is involved travel expenses are also covered by the couple. Completion and submission of the attached application is an acceptance of the terms put forth herein.

We look forward to meeting with you and serving you in this process of completing your sacramental union. Please contact the local parish or call us at 281-496-0064 if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


The Most Rev. G. Michael Jachimczyk
Metropolitan-Primate

**APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE
THE AMERICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

The following is an informational work sheet to be completed by both parties who have come forward and desire that Sacrament of Matrimony. Please complete this information to the best of your ability. Some of this information will be used for the official documentation we require for our records while others will be used for our gathering of information.

The process you are about to begin is one of at least four steps. We will use this time to gather information regarding both parties and work with this information to complete the steps toward your receiving of the sacrament. There is a fee of \$200.00 for a simple service and \$250.00 for a service within the Divine Liturgy, which is requested to cover the costs involved in completing the paperwork and planning hours for the service day. A 50% payment will be accepted to reserve the dates and the remaining 50% is required one week before the rehearsal.

Please print clearly and answer all the questions you can:

Name: _____
(LAST NAME) (FIRST NAME)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone:(____) _____ Work Phone:(____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Time of Birth: _____

Mother's Name (Maiden): _____

Father's Name: _____

Name of Church where Baptized: _____

Church Address: _____
(CITY) (STATE)

Perspective Date of Service: _____

First Witness Name: _____

Address/City/State: _____

Contact Phone Numbers(Work/Home): _____

