

Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America
Orthodox Church in America
Petition for Marriage Dispensation

Attention: Referee on Matrimonial Affairs
The Rev. Fr. IOAN COZMA
50 W 89TH ST
New York, NY 10024

I, _____
(Groom) *First Name* *Middle Name* *Last Name*

born _____
Date *City* *State/Province* *Country*

baptized _____ and chrismated into the Orthodox Christian Faith
Date and Parish

_____ OR of the _____
City *State/Province* *Faith / Denomination*

Communing member of _____
Parish *City* *State/Province*

and

I, _____
(Bride) *First Name* *Middle Name* *Last Name*

born _____
Date *City* *State/Province* *Country*

baptized _____ and chrismated into the Orthodox Christian Faith
Date and Parish

_____ OR of the _____
City *State/Province* *Faith / Denomination*

Communing member of _____
Parish *City* *State/Province*

intend to marry,

and in compliance with Orthodox Christian Church requirements, respectfully seek ecclesiastical dispensation and approval to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in the Orthodox Christian Church.

The reason(s) for our petition is(are) as follows:

1. Married in the Orthodox Church or any other church or civilly, and now divorced.

You must provide the following information for each marriage. Also you must attach the following copies: copy of the last religious marriage certificate; copy of the last civil divorce or ecclesiastical decree.

GROOM

Date and place of **Civil Marriage** (each marriage)

I _____

II _____

III _____

Date and place (church/parish, city) of **Religious Marriage** (each marriage)

I _____

II _____

III _____

Date and Court of each Civil Divorce or Ecclesiastical Decree

I _____

II _____

III _____

BRIDE

Date and place of **Civil Marriage** (each marriage):

I _____

II _____

III _____

Date and place (church/parish, city) of **Religious Marriage** (each marriage)

I _____

II _____

III _____

Date and court of each Civil Divorce or Ecclesiastical Decree

I _____

II _____

III _____

2. Mixed religion

The non-Orthodox petitioner must provide a baptism certificate.

3. Kinship / Affinity / Adoption / Trusteeship

Consanguinity: degree _____, lineal , or collateral

Affinity: kind _____, degree _____

Spiritual Kinship: degree _____

Adoption: degree _____

Trusteeship: degree _____

If you do not know what kind of degree is between you, explain here your relationship:

4. Others (give details)

We are aware of the laws and regulations of the Orthodox Christian Church; and, if one or both of us is/are at fault, we are truly repentant, and we petition for a blessing for a new life of salvation.

Groom: Signature

Bride: Signature

Date: _____

Note: *This petition must be given to your parish priest.*

To cover postage and secretarial expenses, a fee of \$20.00 US must accompany each petition.

Check payable to: Rev. Fr. Ioan Cozma.

***STATEMENT IN THE CASE
OF MIXED MARRIAGE***

[] Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the non-Orthodox partner in this marriage has decided to take catechetical instruction to be prepared to be received into the Holy Orthodox Church.

[] We have reached the decision that each of us will remain affiliated with our respective religious faiths, and will make every effort to respect one another's practice thereof.

[] For the sake of family unity and the spiritual growth of our children, we have agreed that they shall be baptized in the Orthodox Christian Church.

NOTE: It should be attached to the Petition for Marriage Dispensation in those cases when one partner is not of the Orthodox faith.

Groom (Signature)

Bride (Signature)

Date: _____

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Pastor's Recommendation for Marriage Dispensation

I, Reverend Father _____ Parish Priest
of _____ Parish,
City of _____

forward for your consideration this Recommendation for Dispensation and the accompanying Petition for Marriage Dispensation referring to:

Mr. _____ and

Ms. _____

After counseling the couple and as a result of my direct knowledge of the case, I recommend that the petition be:

[] Granted. [] Denied.

The reason(s) for my recommendation is (are):

Proposed date of Marriage: _____

Awaiting your final judgment and decision, I remain,

Your Servant in Christ, _____

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |