



# St. Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church

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## MARRIAGE RECORD INFORMATION

Dues Paid Member: yes  no

Certificate/License#.....

DATE OF WEDDING \_\_\_\_\_

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REHEARSAL \_\_\_\_\_

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been married before?

**BRIDE** Yes  No

**GROOM** Yes  No

Full name:

Full name:

Address:

Address:

Telephone : Home / cell / Work

Telephone : Home / Cell / Work

Date of Birth& Place of Birth

Date of Birth& Place of Birth

Data and Place of Baptism

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Father's Name

Father's Name

Mother's (maiden) Name

Mother's (maiden) Name

**Matron of Honor**/Khachkour-Gunkamair/  
Name:

Address

**Note:** *At least one of them must be baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church*

**Best Man**/ Khachyeghpair-Kavor-Gunkahayr/  
Name:

Address

**Brides Maids**

**Ushers**

**Flower Girl:**

**Ring Bearer:**

Officiating Priest: \_\_\_\_\_

Deacon            Organist            Soloist

**PRE-NUPTIAL EXAMINATION**  
**Session I**

<b>GROOM</b>	<b>BRIDE</b>
Address.	Address.
Tel. Home Business. Cell	Tel. Home Business. Cell.
Present Parish	Present Parish
Occupation	Occupation
Father's name	Father's name
Mother's maiden name	Mother's maiden name
Your Religion	Your Religion
Date and place of your Baptism	Date and place of your Baptism
If you were not baptized in the Armenian Church, were you confirmed in another Church?	If you were not baptized in the Armenian Church, were you confirmed in another Church?

## **QUESTIONS CONCERNING IMPEDIMENTS**

1. Have you ever made a profession in a religious order or institute?

<b>GROOM</b>	<b>BRIDE</b>

2. Are you related to each other by:

Blood <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption <input type="checkbox"/>	Blood <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption <input type="checkbox"/>
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Note: If "Yes" is given as an answer to any of these questions concerning impediments, DO NOT proceed until all information has been recorded or attached to this form and satisfactorily resolved.

3. Have you been married previously, either civilly or in church?

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4. Do you intend that your marriage will last until death?

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5. Do you intend to live as husband and wife?

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6. Do you intend to have children?

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7. Do you have any reservations or conditions on this marriage?

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8. Do you have any emotional problems for which you have been treated?

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9. Do you have any physical defect preventing you from having sexual relations?

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10. Do you want a true Christian marriage, i.e., a relationship that is permanent, exclusive and open to life?

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11. Have your parents been consulted about this marriage?

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Do they consent?

If not, explain in detail on a separate sheet and attach it to this form.

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Date and Signature of Groom

Date and Signature of Bride

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## SESSION II

1. Priest will discuss Marriage in the context of the Holy Scripture.
2. Priest will discuss Marriage in contemporary times.
3. Priest will explain the Sacrament of Marriage according to the Armenian Orthodox Church.

**Note:** *Prior to the Wedding day the couple must receive Holy Communion. (This usually takes place one week before the wedding) If this is not possible the priest will work out an appropriate arrangement for the couple.*

## SESSION III

### QUALITY OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP

*/Please, write your answers/*

How long have you known each other?

When did you start thinking of marriage with each other?

**Bride:** What do you count as your strengths?

**Groom:** What do you count as your strengths?

**Bride:** What do you count as your weaknesses?

**Groom:** What do you count as your weaknesses?

## **MOTIVATION FOR MARRIAGE**

**Bride:** What are your reasons for marrying now?

**Groom:** What are your reasons for marrying now?

**Bride:** What are the dreams, goals and expectations you have for your marriage?

**Groom:** What are the dreams, goals and expectations you have-for your marriage?

**Bride:** What does the Armenian Church mean to you now and what will it mean to you during your marriage?

**Groom:** What does the Armenian Church mean to you now and what will it mean to you during your marriage?

What is your future address?

The Wedding rehearsal will be on ..... at .... pm/am

## **Groom's Previous Marriage(s)**

With whom? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Place 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Before whom? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

How did the bond of this marriage cease? 1 \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

If a former spouse is dead, give date of death and obtain death certificate.

If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null, an official document must be presented and its protocol.

## **Bride's Previous Marriage(s)**

With whom? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Place 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Before whom? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

How did the bond of this marriage cease? 1 \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

If a former spouse is dead, give date of death and obtain death certificate.

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## WITNESS QUESTIONARY

### EXAMINATION OF WITNESS TO PROVE THE FREE STATE OF:

The priest fills out the witness forms.

One witness are needed for each of the parties who are marrying.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know him/her well enough to attest to his/her intention to marry? \_\_\_\_\_

Does he/she intend to contract a true Christian marriage, as far as you know? \_\_\_\_\_

Is he/she free to marry, as far as you know? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you swear to the truth of the above statements? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Priest \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you swear to the truth of the above statements? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Priest \_\_\_\_\_

## **Requesting Sacraments in the Armenian Church**

We are very glad that you chose to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism/Wedding in the Armenian Church of. We would ask you kindly to read these notes and if you have any questions or comments please call the Church Office.

1. All requests should be made by completing the Church application form. The date of the Sacrament cannot be confirmed before the office receives this application with all the needed information. Certain data on the application are very important for the Church. You may need to discuss them with Der Hayr.
2. The God Parent of the Baptism must be a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church. God Parents are requested to meet with Der Hayr before the Sacrament to discuss and review their responsibilities in this Sacrament. We strongly recommend that they be in Church at least 15 minutes before the designated time for Baptism.
3. The time of the Sacrament must be confirmed with the Church Office before you plan your invitations or the family gathering after the service. We ask you that you be in the Church sanctuary a few minutes before the designated time. Sometimes there are more than one Sacraments on the same day. Please note that a delay in one Sacrament will cause a delay in the following one. If there is another Sacrament scheduled after yours, we will have to cancel yours if you are late enough to cause a delay in the following Sacrament. The Church Office will not release its Calendar's itineraries to Sacrament applicants.
4. Please note that the Church sanctuary is the House of the Lord, Even though it is mainly your family members and friends who are in the church, make sure that the sanctity of the place is not disturbed by unnecessary talk or undesired behavior. We ask you kindly to remind your guests concerning this important matter.
5. Only ordained ministers and servants are allowed on the Altar of the Church. Cameramen and other lay-people will not be permitted to go on the Altar. Der Hayr, or one of the Deacons, will be glad to talk to the Cameraman and explain the details of the Service movements to him.
6. Unless indicated otherwise, this Church conducts all her services in Armenian. If need be, we will be glad to use the English translated version of our Sacraments. It is important, however, that you inform the office about your decision before the day of the service.
7. The Church does not apply fees for the Sacraments. We want to remind you, however, that the Church has to pay utilities and maintenance bills to make the sanctuary and other church facilities comfortable and available for your use.
8. If you would like a guest clergy to participate with our Pastor in the service, you must notify the Church Office in advance and arrange for their attendance and remuneration.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation. May we all enjoy an inspiring and exciting Sacrament...

Note: Following your wedding, you may wish to obtain a certified copy of your marriage license. Your license will be permanently filed in the town where you are getting married. So to obtain a certified copy (with a raised seal), you will need to contact the Registrar from that municipality after five days following your ceremony. Such a certified copy is normally required for all name change purposes, social security and obtaining a passport.