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“O Lord our God, crown them with glory and honor.”

Dear Couples,

Congratulations on your decision to marry in the Greek Orthodox Church. Enclosed, you will find the necessary information and forms to assist you in preparing for the sacrament of marriage.

Before making any wedding arrangements, secure the date and time with the church. Once the date is set, schedule an appointment to meet with the priest. Commonly, expect to meet with him three times before the wedding. Bring all necessary documents with you at the first meeting.

As the Church will be blessing your marriage, it is required that you be a parishioner in good standing. This means that at least one member of the bridal couple must be an Orthodox Christian and the other who is not, must have been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. Furthermore, you must join our parish by submitting a pledge card for the current year if you have not done so already.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find the following five documents that should be thoroughly reviewed: 1) **“An Orthodox Christian Reflection on Marriage”**; 2) **“Guidelines for Weddings within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America”**; 3) **“Planning Your Orthodox Christian Wedding at the Assumption Parish”**; 4) a draft **“Affidavit for License to Marry”** that you should complete and submit to the church office as soon as possible, and 5) the current year’s **Stewardship Card**, which also needs to be completed and submitted.

Once again, after securing the date and time of your wedding with the church office, make an appointment to meet with me for your first pre-marital meeting. The office staff and I are available to answer any questions you may have.

Yours in Christ,

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