

**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:

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**4. Others (give details)**

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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.

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**Groom: Signature**

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**Bride: Signature**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*To cover postage and secretarial expenses, a fee of \$30.00 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):

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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. _____ |