



SAINT MARK GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Receiving A “Letter Of Membership In Good Standing” For Godparents At Baptisms And Sponsors At Weddings

In the Orthodox Church, it is required that the Godparent at a Baptism or Sponsor at a Wedding be an active member of an Orthodox Parish. If the Godparent or Sponsor are not members of the parish where the sacrament will take place, a *Letter of Membership in Good Standing* is required. This is a letter from the parish priest of the individual, which he will send to the priest of the parish where the baptism or wedding will be celebrated.

Letters of Good Standing are required of ALL Orthodox Christians in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America when they are serving as sponsors at baptisms and/or weddings in parishes other than their home parish.

What are the requirements for receiving a *Letter of Membership in Good Standing*?

- One must be a practicing Orthodox Christian
- Baptized as an Orthodox Christian or received into the Church through the sacrament of Chrismation
- Participates in the sacramental life of the Church by attending Liturgy frequently and receiving the Sacraments of Communion and Confession
- Lives according to the Orthodox Christian faith and applies beliefs and principles of the Church to his/her life

Able to be active in the sacramental life of the Church

- If married, your marriage was celebrated and/or blessed in the Church
- If divorced, you must have received an ecclesiastical divorce decree from the Church

Parish Stewardship Commitment

- Devotes his/her time, talents and financial resources to the Church in order to support Saint Mark and share in the new life given in Jesus Christ
- Pledging steward of Saint Mark, currently offering one’s financial support to the Church

When requesting *Letters of Membership in Good Standing*, please do so in writing at least 3-4 weeks before the ceremony. Please email requests to office@saintmarkboca.net.

Please include the following:

Type of Sacrament: Baptism or Wedding; Date of Sacrament; Location of Sacrament, Church Name, City and State; Name of Bride/Groom or Name of Family