



Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Dear Parishioner,

Congratulations on your blessed event in the life of the Orthodox Church! In order to ensure your event date is entered onto our Master Calendar, which is reserved for our Parish's members in "Good Standing", we must address what it is to be a member in "Good Standing." A parishioner in "Good Standing" includes, but is not limited to:

A person who is baptized or chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church, faithful attends the Divine Liturgy and other worship services, contributes towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission, and is current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish. (Article 18: Sections 1 and 2 of the regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese)

With this said, we have a Sacrament Fee Schedule that can be satisfied in a number of ways for a Parishioner in Good Standing:

- For a Steward in Good Standing who has made a minimum pledge of \$500 per year for two consecutive years, there is no charge.
- For a Steward in Good Standing whose pledge is less than \$500 for two consecutive years, the difference needs to be paid to total \$1,000.
- For a Steward with one year or less participation and his/her pledge is less than \$1,000, the difference needs to be paid to total \$1,000.
- For Orthodox Christians from other communities, a \$1,000 fee is required, along with a letter from your parish priest stating you are a member in good standing in your home parish.

All fees must be paid in full 60 days prior to the event date, or your date will not be entered onto the Master Calendar.

Note: Being a Steward in "Good Standing" also applies to Sponsors in a wedding (Koumbaro/Koumbara) and Godparents. If you are in need of a letter from our Parish Priest in order to participate in a sacrament in another church, the same "Good Standing" stewardship donation standards also apply.