

THE ORTHODOX FAMILY IN AMERICA AT HOME AND IN CHURCH:
A STUDY OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

I. ABOUT YOUR FAMILY’S HOME AND CHURCH LIFE

1. Overall, how important is the Orthodox faith in your life?
 1 – Fundamental 2 – Important, but other things are also important in my life 3 – Not very important
2. It is my faith and the teachings of the Orthodox Church that carry me through most of my life difficulties.
 1 – Strongly agree 2 – Rather agree 3 – Not sure 4 – Rather disagree 5 – Strongly disagree
3. Various families organize their lives and Church participation in a very different manner. ***In the case of your family,*** how much attention is given to each of the following?

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.		Great deal of attention	Some attention	Little attention
3a.	Going to church every Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3b.	Participation in social events offered by parish such as dance groups, parish festivals, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3c.	Participation in religious education programs offered by parish (Sunday school, Bible studies, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3d.	Fasting for 40 days during Great Lent	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3e.	Fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3f.	Seeking guidance from your parish priest	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3g.	Donating your time, talent, and money to help the parish	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3h.	Praying regularly with family at home	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3i.	Reading Scripture at home	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3j.	Talking with children about Orthodox Faith and Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3k.	Regularly participating in the Sacrament of Confession	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3l.	Preparation for receiving Holy Communion	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3m.	Attending services other than Sunday Divine Liturgy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3n.	Participating in Christian charity by reaching out to those less fortunate through the parish and/or community	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

4. ***During the past 12 months,*** how often did you do each of the following?

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.		Never	Once, a few times	About once a month	About once a week	More than once a week
4a.	Read Scripture together with my children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4b.	Read Christian magazines or books other than the Bible with my children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4c.	Listened to Christian radio broadcasts/podcasts	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4d.	Used the Internet to find information about the Orthodox Faith and Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4e.	Talked with my children about the the Orthodox Faith and Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4f.	Saw my children pray at home by themselves	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4g.	Heard my children asking questions about the Orthodox Faith and Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4h.	Heard my children talking with others about the Orthodox Faith and Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

5. In your household, do you have icons in any of the following places?

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.	Yes	No
5a. In our home, we have an icon center (“ <i>iconostasi</i> ”) with icons, candles, censer, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
5b. In our home, we have icons in our family members’ individual bedrooms.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
5c. In our home, we have icons in places other than the bedrooms and home icon center.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
5d. We have mini-icons in our car(s).	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

6. Do you pray together with your family **before meals**? (please choose only one answer below)

- 1 – Always, almost always 2 – Sometimes
 3 – Only at major family events or Church celebrations (Easter, Christmas) 4 – Never

7. **Besides meal times**, do you pray together as a family in your home? (please choose only one answer below)

- 1 – Daily, almost daily 2 – Sometimes
 3 – Only at major family events or Church celebrations (Easter, Christmas) 4 – Never

8. Does your family have its home blessed **each year** after Epiphany or at another time? 1 – Yes 2 – No

9. Does your family make prosforo, Communion bread, to take to church?

- 1 – Yes, regularly 2 – On occasion 3 – No

10. Do you celebrate the name days of your immediate family members? 1 – Mainly, yes 2 – Mainly, no

11. Listed below are potential topics for educational programs. If your parish were to offer workshops on these topics, how much interest would you have in each?

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.	I would definitely participate myself	Not interested myself, but I think that other parishioners would be very interested	Not a very interesting or helpful topic for our parish
11a. Coping with stress	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11b. Family financial planning	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11c. Rearing young children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11d. Family health/nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11e. Enriching your marriage	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11f. Supporting aging parents	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11g. Teaching your children about sex	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11h. Living in an intermarried (Orthodox/ Non-Orthodox) household	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11i. Parenting teenagers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11j. Dealing with violence in the family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11k. Dealing with drug/alcohol dependence in the family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11l. Being a single parent	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11m. Time management for parents	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11n. Time management for children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11o. Balancing family life and a career	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11p. Praying as a family at home and at Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11q. Learning how to live the Orthodox Faith in our lives	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11r. Raising children with strong morals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
11s. Please indicate other topics that you would like to see addressed:			

12. Would you be interested in attending an Orthodox camp together with your whole family?

- 1 – Probably yes 2 – Probably no

13. If your parish were to host a *monthly* family night that focused on families learning about their Orthodox faith together, how much interest to attend *as a family* would you have?

- 1 – Not much interest 2 – Would attend occasionally 3 – Would attend regularly

14. We all face critical experiences and transitions in our lives. In many circumstances we need advice and support from others. A number of such life situations are listed below. **For each line**, please choose only one answer from the options provided to the right to:

- indicate whether you or a member of your immediate family have experienced it ***within the past 2 years***;
- indicate the level of support you or your family member received from the Church in each situation.

I did not experience this within the past 2 years.	I experienced this but did not want the Church involved or did not think that it was relevant to this situation.	I experienced this, and there was a great deal of support from the Church.	I experienced this, and there was some support from the Church.	I experienced this, and there was little or no support from the Church.	I experienced this; attitudes and responses in the Church made things worse.
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For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.		"1"	"2"	"3"	"4"	"5"	"6"
14a.	Getting married	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14b.	Becoming a parent	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14c.	Serious marital conflict	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14d.	Serious difficulties in relationship, breakdown of communications with your son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14e.	Your child/children getting into serious trouble: suspension from school, issues with the law, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14f.	Raising a child with special needs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14g.	Separation, divorce	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14h.	Raising a child in the absence of spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14i.	A family member or close friend leaving the Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14j.	Dealing with unplanned pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14k.	Death of a close relative or close friend	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14l.	Unexpected serious or chronic illness	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14m.	Child leaving the home	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14n.	Harassment on the job (sexual, verbal, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14o.	Periods of depression, hopelessness	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14p.	Moving to a new area/community	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14q.	Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14r.	Severe financial problems	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14s.	Caring for elderly parents	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14t.	Physical, mental, or sexual abuse in the family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14u.	An extramarital affair	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14v.	Dealing with addictions: alcohol, drugs, gambling, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14w.	Adjusting to a new job	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
14x.	Other (please indicate):	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

15. Overall, how much stress due to personal reasons have you experienced in the past year?
 1 – A tremendous amount 2 – More than average 3 – Moderate amount 4 – Little or hardly any
16. Overall, would you be comfortable seeking guidance from your priest on your *personal* family problems?
 1 – Definitely yes 2 – Probably yes 3 – Not sure 4 – Probably no 5 – Definitely no
17. If you were to seek professional counseling, would you be more likely to look for a counselor who is Orthodox?
 1 – Yes, I would try to find a counselor who is an Orthodox Christian.
 2 – If I had a choice of Orthodox and non-Orthodox counselors who were equally qualified, I would choose an Orthodox counselor.
 3 – It doesn't matter if a family counselor is Orthodox, but I definitely want him/her to be a Christian.
 4 – If I looked for a family counselor, his/her religious affiliation would not matter to me.
18. Please tell us whether or not you are familiar with the following resources for ministry to families offered by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. For those with which you are familiar, indicate how helpful you found them.

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.	Not familiar	Familiar: quite helpful	Familiar: not very helpful
18a. Center for Family Care (www.family.goarch.org)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
18b. Department of Interfaith Marriage (www.interfaith.goarch.org)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
18c. "Family Connections" page in the <i>Orthodox Observer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
18d. "Youth Pulse" e-mail ministry (with monthly family section)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
18e. <i>Praxis</i> magazine	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

II. YOUR OPINIONS ON VARIOUS SOCIAL, CHURCH AND FAMILY ISSUES

19. Please indicate to which extent you AGREE OR DISAGREE with the following statements:

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.	Rather agree	Neutral, unsure	Rather disagree
19a. I cannot imagine being anything but Orthodox.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19b. Orthodox Christianity is the only true faith.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19c. It is very important to me that the younger generation of my family grows up as Orthodox Christians.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19d. One should teach children to make moral decisions by learning to trust and obey their parents, teachers, and priest.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19e. In general, one should NOT marry someone from another (non-Orthodox) Christian churches (e.g. Roman Catholic, Protestant).	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19f. In general, one should NOT marry someone who is a non-Christian (e.g. Muslim, Jew, Buddhist, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19g. The primary calling of married women is in the sphere of the home and family. All other social and business activities should be considered as secondary to family duties and obligations.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19h. The Orthodox parish is like a family: people shouldn't even think about leaving with the intent to "pick-and-choose" another parish.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19i. I like to have different viewpoints on Church life in my parish, even if it spills over into conflict sometimes.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19j. How a person lives is more important than whether he/she is Orthodox.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19k. One should teach children to think for themselves and make their own moral decisions as early as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19l. God loves all kinds of families.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.		Rather agree	Neutral, unsure	Rather disagree
19m.	The civil rights of gays and lesbians—including legal status for same-sex couples—should be protected.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19n.	Divorce is usually the best solution when a couple can't seem to work out their marital problems.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19o.	Children need to be exposed to a variety of cultural and religious differences so they can make informed choices as adults.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
19p.	It is important that public schools at all levels keep religion and religious issues “out of classrooms.”	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

20. The following three statements are about sex education. Which of them is closest to your position?
- 1 – Abstinence from sexual intercourse is best for teenagers and should be taught exclusively. Sex education classes should not provide information about how to use condoms and other contraception.
 - 2 – Abstinence from sexual intercourse is best for teenagers; but since some teenagers do not abstain, sex education classes should provide information about condoms and other contraception.
 - 3 – Abstinence from sexual intercourse is not the most important thing. Sex education classes should focus on teaching teenagers how to make responsible decisions about sex.
21. Which of the following statements best describes your position on teaching creationism in public schools?
- 1 – I would favor teaching creationism **INSTEAD** of evolution.
 - 2 – I would favor teaching creationism **IN ADDITION** to evolution.
 - 3 – I would oppose teaching creationism in public schools.

III. ABOUT YOUR PARISH

22. Approximately, how many persons **TOTAL**—adults and children—attend your church on a typical Sunday?
- 1 – less than 100 2 – 100-299 3 – 300-499 4 – 500 and more

23. How well does each of following statements describe your parish?

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.		True	Somewhat true	Not True	Not sure
23a.	Our parish is vibrant, active, and alive.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23b.	Our parish is open to social, ethnic, and cultural diversity.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23c.	The local community is well informed about our parish.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23d.	We welcome changes and are always ready to try something new.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23e.	Our parish has a strong ethnic heritage that we are trying to preserve.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23f.	New people are easily incorporated into the life of our parish.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23g.	All parishioners are given opportunity to participate in decision making.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23h.	We have well organized social activities and fellowships.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23i.	We do not have problems finding people to volunteer in the parish.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23j.	We have good programs and activities for children and youth.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23k.	Our parish encourages people to think and to learn.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
23l.	If a parishioner needs help, the parish community quickly reaches out to him or her.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

24. Do you think your parish has a serious problem with teenagers losing their affiliation with the Church?
- 1 – Definitely “yes” 2 – Rather “yes” 3 – Not sure 4 – Rather “no” 5 – Definitely “no”
25. For you personally, is your parish not only a place of worship but also the center of your social life?
- 1 – Definitely “yes” 2 – Rather “yes” 3 – Not sure 4 – Rather “no” 5 – Definitely “no”

26. In general, how would you describe your parish’s approach to church life in comparison with “typical” Greek Orthodox parishes?
- 1 – We are more “modern” and allow for more differences of opinion in the application of Orthodox principles to parish life.
 - 2 – We are similar to “typical” Greek Orthodox parishes.
 - 3 – We are more “traditional” and tend to be stricter in the application of Orthodox principles to parish life.
27. Which type of parish do you most prefer?
- 1 – A parish that welcomes, integrates, and blends various ethnic and racial cultures
 - 2 – A parish that welcomes persons of various ethnic backgrounds but remains essentially Hellenic in its heritage and culture
 - 3 – A parish with a strong Greek culture, where the vast majority of members share a common Hellenic ancestry and cultural heritage

IV. ABOUT FAMILY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN YOUR PARISH

28. Various parishes have different family-oriented programs and ministries. In the case of your parish, do you have **OR** do you feel a need for any of the following?

For each line, please choose only one answer from the options provided to the right.	I don’t know whether or not we have it	Yes, we have it in our parish and I’ve participated	Yes, we have it in our parish, but I’ve not participated	We don’t have it and there is a strong need for it	We don’t have it, but it is not important for us
28a. Childcare or after-school programs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28b. Support for single-parent families	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28c. Parish’s own—not Metropolis—youth camp	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28d. Weekend family retreats (intergenerational)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28e. Youth sports programs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28f. Social activities specifically tailored to families (sports programs, game nights, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28g. Religious education for families: programs educating parents and children together	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28h. Ministry for elderly or homebound, assistance programs for senior parishioners	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28i. Premarital counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28j. Marriage enrichment programs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28k. Help coping with conflict in the family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28l. Support programs for intermarried (Orthodox with non-Orthodox) couples	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28m. Adult classes that focus on parenting	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28n. Support programs for teaching sexual education to your children/teenagers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28o. Support programs for dealing with substance abuse or other addictions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28p. Support for victims of domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28q. Professional counseling or referrals to local mental health professionals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28r. Referral to local social support services (welfare, senior care, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

29. Please identify the SINGLE most needed family ministry program that is currently NOT offered in your parish:

30. Which statement best describes your opinion of *how* your parish ministers to families?

- 1 – My parish ministers to families mostly “unconsciously” with little planning or foresight.
- 2 – My parish ministers to families because of a conscious and deliberate effort to do so.
- 3 – I am not sure.

V. AND FINALLY, PLEASE TELL US A FEW WORDS ABOUT YOU

31. Your gender: 1 – Male 2 – Female 32. What is your age? _____ years

33. In what country were you born? 1 – USA 2 – Other country: _____

34. What was your first language, spoken at home as a child: 1 – English 2 – Other: _____
 3 – I grew up in a truly bilingual family. At home, we equally spoke English and another language: _____

35. What is the highest level of your education? (*please choose only one answer below*)

- 1 – High school diploma or less 2 – Some college or technical school
- 3 – College graduate with Bachelor’s Degree 4 – Master’s Degree 5 – Doctoral Degree

36. What is your *current* position in this parish (*please choose all answers that apply below*):

- 1 – Parish Council member 2 – Sunday school teacher/director 3 – Choir member/director
- 4 – Regular parish member, but not currently in a leadership position 5 – Other: _____

37. How frequently do you *typically* attend church services? (*please choose only one answer below*)

- 1 – More than once a week 2 – About once a week 3 – 2-3 times a month 4 – Once a month or less

38. How many children do you have *who are age 18 or under and currently live at home*? _____

39. In particular, do you have children *ages 14-18* who live with you at home? 1 – Yes 2 – No

IF YOU ANSWERED “YES,” PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 39A AND 39B. IF “NO,” MOVE TO QUESTION 40.

39a. When you go to church, how frequently do your children ages 14-18 accompany you?

- 1 – Always, almost always 2 – Often 3 – Sometimes 4 – Rarely

39b. Other than church attendance, to what extent are your children ages 14-18 involved in the life of your parish? 1 – to a great extent 2 – to a certain extent 3 – to a very slight extent or not at all

40. What was your church affiliation before you became an Orthodox Christian? (*please choose only one answer below*)

- 1 – I have always been an Orthodox Christian. 2 – I was a Roman Catholic.
- 3 – I was a Liberal Protestant. Please, write in the denomination: _____
- 4 – I was a Moderate Protestant. Please, write in the denomination: _____
- 5 – I was an Evangelical Protestant. Please, write in the denomination: _____
- 6 – I was not a Christian. Please, write in your former religion: _____
- 7 – I was agnostic (no religion). 8 – I was an atheist (non-believer).

41. When you were a child, was the Church—Orthodox or not Orthodox—a part of regular life in your family?

- 1 – Yes, my parents were active in church and we attended church regularly.
- 2 – We attended church occasionally, when our family life and other circumstances allowed.
- 3 – My parents were not interested in church; it was not an important part of my family life when I was a child.

42. When you think about your theological position and approach to church life, which answer best describes you?

- 1 – I am *conservative*. The Orthodox Church should avoid changes in its life and theology.
- 2 – I am *traditional*. Any changes in the Orthodox Church should be very gradual.
- 3 – I am *moderate*. I am willing to accept new developments in Church life depending on local circumstances.
- 4 – I am *liberal*. I am willing to initiate and promote new developments and changes in Church life.

43. Do you have close friends outside the Orthodox Church? (*please choose only one answer below*)
- 1 – Not really. Other than business, I have few personal social contacts with people who are not Orthodox.
 - 2 – I have some friends who are not Orthodox, but I prefer to have friends who are also Orthodox Christians.
 - 3 – I probably have equal numbers of friends who are Orthodox and not Orthodox.
 - 4 – Most of my personal friends are not Orthodox.

44. What is your marital status?

- 1 – I am married.
- 2 – I am single (never married, divorced, widowed).
- 3 – I am separated.

IF YOU ANSWERED “I AM MARRIED,” PLEASE ANSWER THE REMAINING QUESTIONS. IF YOU ARE SINGLE OR SEPARATED, YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

45. Your spouse is: (*please choose only one answer below*)

- 1 – A “cradle” Orthodox Christian—a person born into the Orthodox Church
- 2 – A convert to Orthodoxy who became an Orthodox Christian before you met her/him
- 3 – A convert to Orthodoxy who became an Orthodox Christian after you met or after you married
- 4 – A non-Orthodox Christian
- 5 – A non-Christian (Jew, Muslim, Hindu, etc.), agnostic (no religion), or atheist (non-believer).

IF YOUR SPOUSE IS *NOT* ORTHODOX, PLEASE ANSWER THE REMAINING QUESTIONS. IF YOUR SPOUSE IS ORTHODOX, YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

46. Many believe that living in an intermarried household (e.g. Orthodox and non-Orthodox spouses) presents many challenges for family life. In your opinion, is this true?

- 1 – Definitely yes
- 2 – Rather yes
- 3 – Not sure
- 4 – Rather no
- 5 – Definitely no

IF YOU ANSWERED “YES,” PLEASE RESPOND TO QUESTIONS 47 AND 48. IF “NO,” MOVE ON TO QUESTION 49.

47. In your opinion, what are the major challenges for family life in intermarried households? Please write your answers here, or you may use an additional sheet of paper and include it in your envelope:

48. In your opinion, are the special challenges of family life in intermarried households based mainly on religious differences OR are they more about ethnic and cultural distinctions (e.g. “Greek” family traditions versus family attitudes typical of mainstream America)?

- 1 – The problems are mainly based on religious differences.
- 2 – The problems are mainly based on ethnic and cultural distinctions.
- 3 – The problems are based equally on ethnic/cultural distinctions and on religious differences.

49. What is the typical pattern of church attendance in your family? (*please choose only one answer below*)

- 1 – My spouse and I attend separate churches.
- 2 – My spouse and I alternate between the Orthodox Church and my spouse’s church.
- 3 – Although my spouse is not Orthodox, she/he typically attends the Orthodox Church with me.
- 4 – Religion is not very important to my spouse. He/she doesn’t attend any church on a regular basis.

50. What dominant faith is being taught to your children? (*please choose only one answer below*)

- 1 – We provide our children with the experiences of both the Orthodox Church and my spouse’s church.
- 2 – Mainly Orthodox Christianity
- 3 – Mainly the faith of my spouse
- 4 – None

51. What—if anything—would make your spouse more comfortable with or simply more interested in Orthodoxy?

Please, write your answer here or on an additional sheet of paper:

YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!