

THE ORTHODOX FAMILY IN AMERICA AT HOME AND IN CHURCH:
 A STUDY OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
 PROFILES OF PARTICIPATING PARISHES (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARISH CLERGY)

1. How many regularly **contributing** family units do you have in your parish? We have _____ regularly contributing families.
2. Out of these regularly contributing families, how many **intermarried couples** do you have in your parish (that is when one of the spouses is not Orthodox)? About _____ families
3. Approximately how many **individual people** are associated **in any way** with the life of your parish (adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid and unpaid stewards)? About _____ persons
4. How many people—**including adults and children**—attend Liturgy on a typical Sunday?
About _____ persons
5. Of those who are present in your parish on a typical Sunday, what percentage (%) are children and teenagers, ages 18 and under? About _____%
6. Of the regularly participating adults in your parish, estimate the percentage in the following categories:

For each line, please choose <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.	Few: 0-20%	Some: 21-40%	About half: 41-60%	Many: 61-80%	Majority: 81-100%
6a. Persons who are “blue collar” workers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
6b. College or university graduates	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
6c. Persons who belong to upper middle class	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
6d. Senior citizens older than 60 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
6e. Converts to Orthodoxy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
6f. Persons born outside of the United States—the first generation immigrants to America	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
6g. Couples or individuals with children ages 18 and under living at home	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

7. How would you describe the change in size of your parish during the past 5 years?
 1 – It has been declining. 2 – It has remained more or less stable. 3 – It has been growing.
8. Of all the marriages in your parish **during the last 5 years**, what was the approximate percentage (%) of intermarriages (when an Orthodox person married a non-Orthodox Christian who did not convert to Orthodoxy by the time of the marriage)? About _____%
9. In general, how would you describe your parish’s approach to church life in comparison with “typical” Greek Orthodox parishes (*please choose only one answer below*)?
 1 – We are more “modern” and allow for more differences of opinion in application of Orthodox principles to everyday 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 everyday parish life.
10. Please estimate the percentage of various languages that are used in your parish on a typical Sunday (the figures on each line should add up to 100%).

	English, %	Greek, %	Other, %
10a. The language of liturgy			
10b. The language of sermons			
10c. The language in which church choir/chanters sing			

11. Which of the following best describes your parish? (please choose only one answer below).

- 1 – This is a parish that welcomes, integrates, and blends various ethnic and racial cultures.
- 2 – This is a parish that welcomes persons of various ethnic backgrounds but remains essentially Hellenic in its heritage and culture.
- 3 – This is a parish with a strong Greek culture, where the vast majority of members share a common Hellenic ancestry and cultural heritage.

12. Various parishes have different family 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 <u>only one</u> answer from the options provided to the right.	Yes, we have it in our parish	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
12a. Childcare or after-school programs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12b. Support for single-parent families	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12c. Parish's own—not Metropolis—youth camp	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12d. Weekend family retreats (intergenerational)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12e. Youth sports programs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12f. Social activities specifically tailored for families (sports programs, game nights, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12g. Religious education for families: programs that educate parents and children together	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12h. Ministry for elderly or homebound, assistance programs for senior parishioners	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12i. Premarital counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12j. Marriage enrichment programs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12k. Help coping with conflict in the family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12l. Support programs for intermarried (Orthodox with non-Orthodox) couples	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12m. Adult classes that focus on parenting	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12n. Support programs for teaching sexual education to children/teenagers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12o. Support programs for dealing with substance abuse or other addictions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12p. Support for victims of domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12s. Professional counseling or referrals to local mental health professionals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
12t. Referral to appropriate local social support services (welfare, senior care, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

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

We would like to know more about the family ministry in your parish. Please send us any information you might have about family-oriented programs and events in your parish and/or provide us with the name, phone number, and e-mail of someone we can speak with regarding your ministries.

Family Ministry Contact Person in Your Parish: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!