



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Dear Study Participant,

We thank you for taking the time to participate in our study, “The Orthodox Family in America at Home and in Church,” which is being conducted by the Center for Family Care of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The Center, which is a new ministry of our Archdiocese, strives in the words of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, “both to affirm the importance of the family as a blessed gift of God and to address the specific needs of families as they try to live in a very challenging culture and world.”

We are doing this survey to learn more about the realities—both strengths and stresses—of family lives. Additionally, we will examine the different family support programs offered by various parishes throughout the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. A total of 180 parishes are participating in this effort and 1800 parishioners will complete this survey. What we learn about families in your parish will be added to information gathered from other churches. The Archdiocese will use the results of the survey to help local parishes respond to the needs of families more effectively.

Please be assured that you will not be asked to give your name on this survey, and ***no one*** in your parish will look at your answers. The questionnaires from your parish will be mailed to the ***Center for Family Care*** of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, where they will be added to questionnaires from other parishes. A report will then be developed to direct the future of our ministry and to better meet the needs of your family and others throughout our Archdiocese.

We are very grateful for your participation in this study. It is very important that you answer every question. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers. A “correct” answer is one that best describes your family and your feelings. If no answer choice is exactly right, then choose the one that comes closest to describing your family. We are thankful for your willingness to participate in this study. Your responses will greatly impact the ministry to families in your parish and throughout our Archdiocese.

If you have ***any questions*** regarding this project, please contact: Melissa Tsongranis, Associate Director of the Center for Family Care, at 646-519-6619 or mtsongranis@goarch.org. For more information on the work and programs offered by the ***Center for Family Care***, please visit our website at www.family.goarch.org or contact us through the information provided below. We have enclosed a postcard that you can mail in separately from your survey if you would like to be added to our email list or would like us to send you an information packet about our ministry.

With Love in Christ,

Fr. Constantine L. Sitaras, Director
Center for Family Care