

Carefully read the following policies for wedding ceremonies held at St. Sarkis Church. If you have any questions, contact the church office immediately.

St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

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Procedures and Policies to follow for a Marriage Ceremony

1. Secure a date for your marriage at least six months in advance. Request an application form by calling the church office, 313-336-6200, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Return of the completed and signed application secures the date and time you have requested, so please be prompt in returning the completed form. If there are any questions you cannot answer at this time, leave the space blank; you can call the church office with the information at a later date.
2. The time you have chosen for your wedding ceremony may have to be changed if another wedding is scheduled for the same day--if there is still time to make the change. No changes will be made without your knowledge and approval.
3. In fairness to your guests and the church staff, the wedding ceremony **must begin promptly at the time you have scheduled with the church. Please keep this in mind when choosing the time of your service.**
4. Three consultation sessions are required with the Pastor to fulfill the Prelacy requirements for couples. Prior to the wedding date (8 weeks), make an appointment through the church office for your first consultation.
5. You are responsible to obtain your wedding license from the County Clerk's Office. The entire license, as you receive it, should be brought to the church office not later than 3 days prior to the marriage ceremony.
6. Organist, soloist and or deacon(s) are optional. You may choose to have one, two, all three, or none of these services--it is your choice. The fee is \$75 for each and is paid directly to them. Checks made out to the church will not be accepted. Please let the office know of your decision as soon as possible so that the proper scheduling can be made.
7. The Board of Trustees assesses a fee of \$450 for the use of the church. In addition, there is a fee of \$50 for the marriage certificate from the Prelacy, for a total of \$500. If at least one party of the marrying couple is a dues-paying member of the church, for a period of one year or longer, and has paid his/her dues for two consecutive years prior to the marriage, the church usage fee is waived. The fee for the marriage certificate and services mentioned in #6 will still apply. All Fees should be paid to the church office not later than 3 days prior to the marriage ceremony.
8. It is customary to give an honorarium to the officiating clergyman, according to your own desire. If you have invited another clergymen, the same will apply.

Please Note the following: You will have access to the church building one (1) hour prior to your service and for one (1) hour following your service. Please let your florist and your photographer know the time frame allowed.

The church does not have runners for the center aisle; they are available from your florist and should be attached when the flowers/pew bows are being placed in the church. There are 18 pews on each side of the center aisle and you will need a 75-foot runner.

Dressing at the church is not permitted unless there are extenuating circumstances and prior arrangements have been made with the church office.

NO FLOWER PETALS, RICE, BIRDSEED OR CONFETTI OF ANY TYPE is allowed either inside or outside of the church building. Balloons, bubbles and birds are allowed--outside the church building.

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK is allowed in the church narthex (entrance) or in the church proper.

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