



## **Orthodox wedding documents required by Greek Orthodox Church**

### **1. Passport Copies of both parties**

-Photo Copy of original

-Translated copy. Authenticated & stamped by Greek embassy in your country (note: If the embassy is in other city than the one you live, you can go to the Greek consulate that is closest to your place of living).

### **2. Birth certificate records of both parties.**

**Full Birth certificate** of Bride and Groom, with both parents names inside (one for each of you).

Both parties are obliged to provide a full birth certificate. Shorter versions will not be accepted. Also required Greek translation for each certificate by the Greek Embassy of your area OR via our agency. No other source is acceptable.

APOSTILE STAMP REQUIRED FOR EACH CERTIFICATE

**3. Letter from your local church** that says that you are not currently married and free to be married in Greece, signed and stamped by the Bishop from your area.

**4. Certificate of non-impediment** to marriage from the municipality, where you are registered, or county office, or Town hall.

This document confirms that you have not been married and that you are free to be married. The document can be issued in your local Registrar's office and it must not be issued more than 3 months before your wedding.

APOSTILE STAMP REQUIRED.

**5. If one or both parties has been previous marriages, you need to get a Divorce Certificate,**

Or a certified copy of the Decree Absolute, from Civil and Church Authorities.

(Please contact us for more information). APOSTILE STAMP REQUIRED.

6. Official document from the Court, if you have change your name.

7. Certificate of adoption, Deed poll certificate or death certificate (Contact us if applicable).

#### 8. **Apostile Stamp**

This stamp refers the legalization and validity of your documents for international use. (1961 Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents). The Apostile Stamp is necessary for birth certificates and Certificates of Non-Impediment to marry issued by the Municipality where the person is registered.

#### **Important notes:**

- All documents must be translated and certified/stamped in the local Greek Embassy, or Consulate in your Country, or official translators who are legal affiliated from the Greek Embassy. We suggest Greek Embassy. We need
- Take care all the names in passports and all documents must be exactly the same and match together.
- All the documents must not be dated more than 3 months prior to your wedding day. This is especially for the Single Status affidavits (NO 3 & 4)
- Please note that all documents must be sent by fax or email for review 4 weeks before your wedding in Greece.

We have to confirm that documents are in order. After that, you just need to bring the originals, with translations and Apostile with you.

- After Wedding ceremony, you have to go to the office of vital statistics, to have your wedding registered.

The office, as most of offices in Greece, is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

This means, that if your wedding is Friday, or Saturday or Sunday, you have to wait until Monday, to complete the registration.

You have to stay in Greece, at least 1 working day after your wedding, in order to go to the Town Hall to sign your Marriage Certificate.

It will be sent to you by post from the Town Hall or by us. (Contact us for more details)

- Original documents will be kept at the Orthodox Church headquarters.

For this reason, you may have to obtain certified copies of them, if you want to have them for your records.

