

PETITION FOR AN ECCLESIASTICAL DIVORCE

FOR PRIEST'S OFFICE USE ONLY

CONFIDENTIAL

Office of _____
[Name of Priest]

Name of Petitioner _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Respondent _____

Phone Number _____

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO BE MAILED TO THE METROPOLIS OFFICE:

1. Petition from Priest
2. Petition from Party Filing for Divorce
3. Original Ecclesiastic Wedding Certificate or Transcript
4. Copy of Civil Divorce Decree
5. Signed and Certified "No Objection" letter from spouse
6. Money Order of \$250 issued to: "Metropolis of Boston"

Metropolis of Boston

[PETITION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL DIVORCE BY PRIEST: PARISH LETTERHEAD]

Date _____

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios
Registry
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston
162 Goddard Avenue
Brookline, MA 02445

Your Eminence:

I enclose a petition for an ecclesiastical divorce on behalf of my parishioner

_____ residing at _____
[Name of Petitioner/If female, Maiden Name] [Street Address]

_____ an Orthodox Christian and *his/her* spouse
[City, State and Zip]

_____ residing at _____
[Name of Petitioner/If female Maiden Name] [Street Address]

who have already been granted a civil divorce on the grounds of _____
[Enter Grounds]

[Additional Comments]

[Explain reasons why the marriage should be dissolved ecclesiastically. See Divorce Encyclical.]

[Mention if either or both have been counseled by you.]

There exists no possibility of reconciliation between _____
[Name of Petitioner]

and _____
[Name of Petitioner. If Wife use Maiden Name] [Priest's reason(s) for recommending the divorce be granted]

[State if either party has already remarried]

I humbly request that Your Eminence look upon this matter with love and understanding.

With respect,

[signature of priest]

Metropolis of Boston

[name of priest typed]
[PETITIONER'S LETTER FOR ECCLESIASTICAL DIVORCE]

(Type on plain white paper)

Date _____

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Your Eminence:

The undersigned _____ an Orthodox Christian
[Name of Petitioner]
born in _____ and residing at _____
[Place of Birth] [Address, City, State and Zip]
_____ humbly requests that Your Eminence kindly

dissolve the marriage between me and _____
[Name of Spouse]
born in _____ and residing at _____
[Place of Birth] [Address, City, State and Zip]
_____ .

Our marriage was solemnized by the Reverend _____
[Name of Priest]
at the Greek Orthodox Church of _____ located at
[Name of Church]
_____ on _____
[City and State] [Date]

We are unable to live together, because _____
[State Grounds and Reason for Divorce]
_____ .

I submit the decision of the Superior Court of the State of _____, which
[State]
dissolved our marriage civilly and was held in the city of _____ on
[City]
_____ bearing the number _____
[Date] [Number and Docket if Applicable]

This was my _____ marriage and my spouse's _____ marriage.
[First/Second] [First/Second]

With respect,
[Signature of Petitioner]
[name of petitioner typed]

Metropolis of Boston