

# the CROWNING CEREMONY

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**ST GEORGE  
& ST ANTHONY**  
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH





## HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR CROWNING CEREMONY

The couple must go through the diocese marriage course and have completed it prior to the Crowning Ceremony. To enroll in the course you can speak with your father of confession.

Each person must have a *Recommendation for Marriage* signed off by their own father of confession prior to the Crowning Ceremony. The couple must also have filled out the *Marriage Report* prior, but the document will be signed on the wedding day.

If the couple chooses to register their marriage at the government level they must complete their government marriage

license at Service Ontario prior to the Crowning Ceremony at the church.

The Church must be booked for the Crowning Ceremony as early as possible. A year in advance is an appropriate amount of time. Please note that when choosing a date the Crowning prayers can only be celebrated on non-fasting days. This requires you to book your Crowning Ceremony with the fasting dates in mind.

Furthermore, wedding rehearsals must also be booked with a father as early as possible.

If you desire to request live streaming a minimum of 2 weeks notice is required.

I have taken you in  
my arms, and I love  
you, and I prefer  
you to my life itself.  
For the present life  
is nothing, and my  
most ardent dream  
is to spend it with  
you in such a way  
that we may be  
assured of not  
being separated in  
the life reserved for  
us.



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

# Things to consider

## PRIOR TO THE CROWNING CEREMONY

The couple must have completed the *Recommendation for Marriage* and have it signed by their father of confession.

If it is also a civil marriage then the license must be completed and brought to the Crowning Ceremony.

Prior to the commencement of the Crowning Ceremony the rings must be given to the presiding priest.

Every aspect of our participation in this Sacrament of Matrimony is meant to show reverence and honour. This includes, but is not limited to attire. When choosing attire please kindly remember that the Crowning Ceremony is a Liturgical prayer in front of God's Holy Sanctuary and what we wear must reflect that.

Forms can be found at

[ORTHODOXY.CA/FORMS](https://www.orthodoxy.ca/forms)

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

EPHESIANS 5:31





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