

# St. John the Merciful Orthodox Church – New Member Form

## 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (names & ages): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays / Anniversary / Name Days (list saint names):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Include in Church Directory:  Email  Phone  Address  None

## 2. RECEPTION INFO — ALREADY ORTHODOX

Previous Parish (Name + City/State): \_\_\_\_\_

Former Priest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years were you a Member There?: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you baptized Orthodox as a Child?:  Yes  No

Date of Reception into the Orthodox Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Reception (Name + City/State): \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Tradition Born Into: \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Tradition Before Becoming Orthodox: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. RECEPTION INFO — DESIRING CONVERSION

Faith Tradition Born Into: \_\_\_\_\_

Most Recent Faith Tradition: \_\_\_\_\_

Received Trinitarian Water Baptism?:  Yes  No

If Yes, Church Name / City / State and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctrinal Questions or Concerns to Discuss: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

St. John the Merciful Orthodox Church is supported entirely by the generosity of its members. The biblical standard of giving is the tithe—offering one-tenth of our income to God. We also welcome gifts to our building fund and special projects, but your tithe is what sustains our ongoing needs such as rent, clergy salary, and parish ministries. We also understand young individuals and families who may need to start at a half-tithe, third-tithe, or with a “Netflix Subscription” to the Church as the first steps of tithing. Your pledge allows us to budget for the needs of the parish. May God bless your generosity!

Pledged Monthly Tithe (estimate): \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to serve in the following ministries:

- Coffee Hour Team** (Help provide a meal once a month)
- Cleaning/Maintenance Team** (Once a month to keep our church beautiful)
- Choir** (we need both trained musicians and those willing to learn)
- Other** (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

**Voting Members of St. John the Merciful are those who:**

- Participate regularly in the liturgical life of the Church through prayer and worship
- Receive the Eucharist and Confession regularly (at least once each major fast)
- Support the parish financially and welcome and care for new members and visitors
- Declare their intention to become a member by signing and returning this form

Catechumens preparing for reception into the Church are considered members of our parish family in every way except for sacraments and voting at annual meetings.

Signature of Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any upcoming pastoral needs that we should discuss soon?

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