

Tab. 3 Orthodox Churches in USA: the Extent of Integration with American Society

Orthodox jurisdictions	1 Traditional language of liturgy in mother church and in country of origin	2. Proportion between English versus other languages in American parishes	3. Proportion of clergy educated and ordained in USA versus overseas	4. Proportion of mixed (with Non-Orthodox) marriages	5. Missionary activity and openness for the converts	6. Participation in inter-orthodox, inter-Christian, and in ecumenical organizations
1 OCA (!) 1a Td-OCA	N/a	90% English 10% Slavonic	95% USA 5% ex-USSR	60-70%	"+"	"+": SCOBA, NCC, WCC, JCOC, OCTC
1b Alb-OCA	Albanian	50% English 50% Albanian	100% USA	90%	"0"	"0"
1c Blg-OCA	Bulgarian	75% English 25% Bulgarian	50% USA 50% Bulgaria	20%	"0"	"0"
1d Rom-OCA	Romanian	1/3 English 2/3 Romanian	15% USA 85% Romania	65%	"0"	"0"
2 GrkArch (!)	Greek	50% English 50% Greek	100% USA	65%	"0"- "+"	"+" SCOBA, NCC, WCC, JCOC, OCTC
3 AntArch (!)	Arabic	90% English 10% Arabic	90% USA	80% (**)	"+"	"+" SCOBA, NCC, WCC, OCTC
4 SOC-USA	Church Slavonic & Serbian	40% English 60% Serbian	70% ex-Yugoslavia	Above 50%	"0"	"+" SCOBA, NCC, WCC, JCOC
5 SOC-NGM		50% English 50% Serbian	2/3 ex-Yugoslavia	Above 50%	"0"	"-" WCC
6 UOC	Church Slavonic & Ukrainian	50% English 40% Ukrainian 10% Slavonic	70% USA; 30% - Ukraine, Russia, Poland Romania	2/3	"0"	"+" SCOBA, NCC, JCOC
7 CrptRus	Church Slavonic	90% English 10% Slavonic	100% USA	Above 50%	"+"	"+" SCOBA, JCOC OCTC
8 RomArch	Romanian	20% English 80% Romanian	Mostly in Romania	65%	"0"	"0" SCOBA, WCC, OCTC
9 Blg-USA	Church Slavonic	25% English 75% Slavonic & Bulgarian	80% Bulgaria	30%	"0"	"0" SCOBA
10 AlbAm	Albanian	45% English 55% Albanian	100% USA	90%(55%) (**)	"0"	"0" SCOBA
11 ParROC	Church Slavonic	2/3 English 1/3 Slavonic	75% USA; 25% - Russia	No data	"0"	"0" NCC, WCC
12 ROCOR	Church Slavonic	15% English 85% Slavonic	Dominant majority - USA	About 50%	"0"	"-"
13 MacdPar	Mazedonian	almost 100% Mazedonian	100% Mazedonia	20%	"-"	"-"
14 HOCNA	N/a	50%-English 40%-Greek 10%-Slavonic	Almost 100% - in USA	0% (first must become HOCNA member)	"+"	"-"
15 VasArch	N/a	85% English 15%-Greek, Slavonic, Roman.	100%-USA	About 20%	"+"	"-"

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16 AssyCh	Aramaic (ancient Church Language)	10% English 22% modern Syriac 68% Aramaic	15-20% USA	0% (first must become Orthodox)	"-"	"0" WCC
17 Arm-Echm	Armenian	Liturgy: 100% Armenian Sermon: 50% Armenian 50% English	1/3 – USA 1/3 – Armenia 1/3 – Middle East (Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq)	East coast: 70-80% West coast: 10-20%	"0"	"+" SCOOCCh NCC WCC
18 Arm-Clc	Armenian	Liturgy: 100% Armenian Sermon: 50% English 50% Armenian	100% born and trained in Lebanon (but 50% ordained in USA)	East coast: 30-40% West coast: 5-10%	"0"	"-" WCC
19 Copt	Coptic (ancient Church Language)	40% English 30% Coptic 30% Arabic	Almost 100% Egypt	10-20% (first must become Orthodox)	"-"	"+" SCOOCCh NCC WCC
20 SyrAnt	Aramaic (ancient Syriac)	50% English 50% Aramaic & Arabic	100% trained in Syria & Lebanon (but 25% ordained in USA)	East coast: 10% West coast: 20%	"-"	"+" SCOOCCh NCC WCC
21 Mlnk-Syr	Malalayalam	25% - English 75% - Malayalam (*)	100% - born & trained in India (but 15% ordained – USA)	Very rare	"-"	"0" SCOOCCh
22 Mlnk-Ind	Malalayalam	25% - English 75% - Malayalam (*)	100% India	Very rare	"-"	"+" NCC WCC

(!) – these jurisdictions have in their administrations special departments for the ecumenical / interfaith affairs.

2. Indicates the level of usage of English in the jurisdiction on an average. In reality, most Orthodox Churches in USA have different parishes: those with dominance of traditional language of the mother Church, those with predominantly English, and those using both languages in a certain proportion.

(*) – in the parishes of both Malankara Orthodox Churches there is a widely accepted practice to celebrate liturgy three Sundays a month in Malayalam and one Sunday – in English.

4. Indicates the proportion of marriages of the members of each Orthodox jurisdiction with Non-Orthodox Christians. In generally, the Oriental Orthodox churches tend to maintain policy of ethnic and religious "purity", and they typically discourage ethnically and religiously mixed marriages (especially AssyCh, Copt, SyrAnt).

(**) a) In case of AntArch, the proportion of the mixed marriages varies greatly from region to region. Also, in AntArch, more than 50% of "non-Orthodox" parts of the marrying couples convert to Orthodoxy before the wedding ceremony; b) In case of AlbAm, 55% - shows a proportion of mixed marriages, when each of partners remains in his Church after wedding. 90% - shows a proportion of mixed marriages including those "non-Orthodox" partners who converts to Orthodoxy after the wedding.

5. "+" - the Church is open to Non-Orthodox Anglo-American converts and makes special missionary efforts to enlarge the membership throughout converts; "0" - the Church is basically open for Non-Orthodox converts, but (with exception of mixed families) there is no special missionary activity; "-" - the Church tends to be "closed" for the outsiders – for those who do not belong to this Church and to this ethnic group.

6. "+" – Church is well represented on the nation-wide level in the various inter-Christian organizations; "0" – Church participates moderately in inter-Christian organizations and activities, and this participation is usually limited to the level of the local parishes; "-" – basically, Church does not participate in inter-Christian and ecumenical organizations. **Examples of membership:** SCOBA - "Standing conference of canonical orthodox bishops of the Americas" (est. in 1960); SCOOCCh – "Standing conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches in America" (est. in 1973); NCC – "National Council of Churches of Christ"; WCC – "World Council of Churches" (participation as the parts of mother Churches with exception of OCA); JCOC – Joint Committee of Orthodox and Catholic Bishops; OCTC-North American Orthodox Catholic Theological Consultation;

Note: in case of JCOC and OCTC those jurisdictions are indicated which are represented not only formally, but also "de-facto" in person either by bishop or by priest (i.e. actively participating).