

Dear Photographer and Videographer:

Below please find the wedding photography policy at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Athens:

1. A wedding is a public worship service at which two people marry each other. Our policies are designed to ensure that this occasion does not become a media event. We ask that no photographs be taken during the Liturgy. A picture without flash may be taken as the bride and her escort comes out of the vestibule. Also the retiring procession is not properly a part of the Liturgy so you may take photos without flash at this time.
2. Outdoor photography may be done at anytime, weather permitting. Other areas remain locked until a member of the church staff arrives. When taking photographs inside the church prior to the wedding, please conclude your photography 45 minutes before the service.
3. We permit photographs at the altar after the wedding. Please plan to shoot any pictures, which include the clergy first so that they can be excused.
4. A video camera may be positioned behind the organ pipe screen in the choir area.
5. Please do not ask for any exceptions to be made since our long experience indicates that our current policies protect our traditions and sacred space.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Father Robert Salamone
Rector