

# Almost Half of US Orthodox Have Left Orthodox Church



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Orthodox Christians have one of the lowest rates of retention across Christian and non-Christian denominations. Only 53% of adults who were raised in the Orthodox Church still identify themselves as Orthodox Christians. Compare that to Hindus (80%), Jewish (75%), Mormon (64%) and Catholic (60%).

The Pew research identifies a loss of nearly half of all Orthodox Christians once they become adults. In truth, the recent trends of Greek Orthodox paid membership is even more startling. Credible sources report that just in the past five years, ... membership nationwide has fallen from 250,000 families in 2009 to 159,000 families in 2014. That is a decline of 38% in just five years. Long term survival of any modern institution bearing such drastic decreases in the ranks of its adherents, stewards and members becomes.



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