

# Evaluate Your Church - A scorecard

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10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>1. Is your church a loving community?</b> <i>(Is there is a strong bond of unity, a positive atmosphere, witnessed by visitors?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>2. Does your church exhibit great faith?</b> <i>(Is there a strong religious education program for young and old, Bible Study, Library with good educational material?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>3. Is your church a spiritual community?</b> <i>(Are the people pious, reverent, obedient, humble, do they fast, do they go to confession?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4. Is your church a faith community?</b> <i>(Is your church faithful and not worldly and carried away by secularism and relativism, accommodating everyone?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>5. Is your church Christ-centered?</b> <i>(Do the people see the church as the ark of salvation, and not as a social club?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>6. Is your church mission-minded?</b> <i>(Is there a large, well-financed participation in the mission of the church, local and national?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>7. Is your church charitable?</b> <i>(Are the people heavily involved in community and social outreach: food pantry, soup kitchen, shelter for homeless, counseling for abused women and children, pro-life counseling, etc.?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>8. Is your church a worshipping community?</b> <i>(Is church attendance high? Are Matins and Vespers well attended, including during weekdays? Is there congregational singing?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>9. Is your church fully supported financially by its members?</b> <i>(Does stewardship cover all the operational expenses and does it provide for all the ministries of the church?)</i>
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	<b>10. Is your church growing?</b> <i>(Is there both internal and external growth, with many young people and many converts participating actively in its programs?)</i>

**Total score**

- 0 - 20** Your church needs resuscitation
- 21 - 40** Your church needs transfusion
- 41 - 60** Your church needs nursing
- 61 - 80** Your church needs to exercise
- 81+** Your church needs to persevere and stay on course

Remember: As a member of the Orthodox Church, you have your share in its successes or failures. Please mail back your evaluation to your church, even anonymously. – Fr. E.H.