

*Dream* COME TRUE  
One couple revels in perfection at two of Detroit's most impressive landmarks.



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Bessie recalls with great fondness the birthday party at which she and Sina first met.

“We spent the majority of the evening laughing and talking and getting to know one another. That very night, Sina and I exchanged numbers as well as our first kiss.”

Six years later, the pair stood in the midst of Bessie’s childhood church, the beautifully ornate St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Detroit, Michigan.

“The marriage ceremony was the traditional Greek Orthodox Sacrament with the seven major parts,” Bessie explains. “The ceremony is very romantic with much ritual and symbolism entwined in each prayer and action. The ceremony is the confession of both man and woman to solemnly vow to be true to each other for life.”

They celebrated their recent union at the Detroit Opera House, where the newlyweds were able to stand backstage and take in the grandeur of the Detroit landmark, as well as the magnificent, colorful adornment the two had worked so hard to achieve.

“The reception was exactly, if not better, than I always imagined it to be, the vibrant ruby- and jewel-toned colors of the flowers with the contrast of the gold table linens were breathtaking. The Opera House was glowing with the colorful stage lights, beautiful gold walls and intense red of the velvet stage curtains,” Bessie recalls. “It was absolutely the most beautiful place I have ever seen. Sina and I were both blown away when we peaked into the room from back stage to see the final result of a whole year’s worth of planning!”

#### DETAILS

LOCATION: *St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Troy; Detroit Opera House.*

*Patisserie Parmentier in Novi created their elegant, towering cake. • The bride wore the Platinum gown by Priscilla of Boston. • Bellisario Florists in Eastpointe created enchanting, cascading centerpieces.*



A photograph of a bride and groom in formal attire posing in a brick-walled room. The bride is wearing a white strapless gown and a white veil, and the groom is wearing a dark suit and sunglasses. They are both looking towards the camera with a slight smile.

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