



# **ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR METROPOLIS AND ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

## **Introduction:**

The following procedures have been developed to ensure that Parishioners in good standing in their Parish are identified as candidates for election to the Metropolis and/or Archdiocesan Councils. The Council members make significant sacrifices of their time, treasure and talent and these procedures are designed to give prospective members information about what is expected of them. Thus, each nominee can make a reasoned decision about their qualifications and whether they are willing and able to make the necessary commitment to serve on the Metropolis and/or Archdiocesan Council.

## **Nominations for Election to the Metropolis and/or Archdiocesan Council(s)**

Nominations must be made on the attached forms. **Note:** Clergy nominations are prepared by the Clergy Syndesmos.

The Nominee must be certified by the local priest as being a Parishioner in good standing.

The nomination information must be *received* by the Metropolis Nominations Committee at least two weeks prior to the start of the Local (Metropolis) Clergy-Laity Assembly ("Assembly"). Since nominees need not attend the Assembly to be a candidate, this advance submission is necessary to ensure:

1. That the Nominees have sufficient time to consider the responsibilities they would be assuming;
2. That Nominees consent to assume the position and responsibilities involved;
3. That the Nominations Committee will have enough time to review the information about the Nominee for preparation & distribution at the Assembly.

If a proposed Nominee does not meet the qualifications, the Nominations Committee will notify him/her prior to the Assembly. The decisions of the Nominations Committee are reviewed and approved by the Metropolitan and are considered final.

## **Clergy nominations will be prepared by the Clergy Syndesmos**

## **Election Procedure**

Information about the Nominees will be distributed to all Representatives attending the Assembly. Any Nominee may ask to be removed from the ballot at any time prior to the commencement of voting.

Voting will be by secret ballot with each Representative entitled to one (1) ballot.

The Metropolitan will appoint the Chairperson of the Elections Committee. The Conference Host Parish will designate two volunteers to serve on the Committee. No member of the Nominations or Elections Committees can themselves be nominees or an immediate family member of a nominee (spouse, parent, child, or sibling of nominee). The Elections Committee will ensure that only registered delegates vote and that each casts no more than one ballot. The Committee will also count the votes and report the results back to the Assembly prior to its adjournment.



# **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

## **Introduction**

The Archdiocesan Council is the advisory and consultative body to the Archbishop and the Synod and it is concerned with the life, growth and unity of the Archdiocese. Appointed members to the Council (51) serve at the pleasure of the Archbishop. In addition, there are elected members of the Council (1 Clergy & 2 Lay persons) from each Metropolis as well as ex officio members.

## **Duties, Responsibilities and Expectations**

All Nominees shall read Article 5 of the Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America prior to accepting the proposed Nomination.

Each member of the Archdiocesan Council is expected:

1. to live their life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church;
2. to assist the Archbishop and Synod in carrying out their goals and programs for the Archdiocese.
3. to give of their time, treasure and talents to the Archdiocese.
4. to make all reasonable efforts to attend every meeting of the Archdiocesan Council and be available for each conference call meeting that may be scheduled.
5. to contribute and provide advice and counsel based on the best interests of the Archdiocese. In addition, each Member also has the duty to present the view of the Detroit Metropolis. The personal views of the Council Member should not be presented if they have not been confirmed to be the views of the Metropolis.
6. to disclose any potential situation which may be a conflict of interest, or which may appear to be a conflict of interest and sign a Disclosure Statement as may be requested. If there is any question about a particular set of circumstances, it must always be resolved in favor of disclosure.
7. to communicate the activities of the Council to their home Metropolis and to actively support the programs of the Archdiocesan council.

## **It is understood that:**

- A. the Archdiocese does not reimburse any expenses related to attendance at meetings. His Eminence understands that this is a burden and very much appreciates the sacrifices made.
- B. information discussed at Council meetings may be confidential under certain circumstances. Council members are expected to keep such information confidential.



## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF METROPOLIS COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **Introduction**

The Metropolis Council is the advisory and consultative body to the Metropolitan and is concerned with the life and growth of the Metropolis, its ministries, institutions and financial condition. Appointed members to the Council serve at the pleasure of the Metropolitan and may be removed by him as provided in Article 12, Sec. 3 of the Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (“Regulations”).

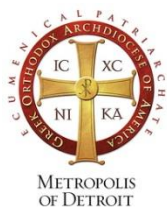
### **Duties, Responsibilities and Expectations**

Each member of the Metropolis Council is expected:

1. to live their life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church;
2. to assist the Metropolitan in carrying out his goals and programs for the Metropolis.
3. to give of their time, treasure and talents to the Metropolis.
4. to make all reasonable efforts to attend every meeting of the Metropolis Council and be available for each conference call meeting that may be scheduled.
5. to contribute and provide advice and counsel based on the best interests of the Metropolis as a whole, even if it seems that the advice could be in conflict with what may seem to be the best interests of their home Parish.
6. to disclose any potential situation which may be a conflict of interest, or which may appear to be a conflict of interest and sign a Disclosure Statement as may be requested. If there is any question about a particular set of circumstances, it must always be resolved in favor of the disclosure.
7. to communicate the activities of the Council to their home Parish and to actively support the programs of the Metropolis Council.

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# NOMINATION FORM

## METROPOLIS COUNCIL / ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL

**Note: This form is used to nominate lay people. Priest nominations are done by the Clergy Syndesmos.**

### Nomination

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) Parishioner in good standing of the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ located in \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name of Nominee) for election to the (check one or both):

☐ Metropolis Council for the Metropolis of Detroit

☐ Archdiocesan Council for the GOA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Acceptance of Nomination

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name of Nominee) do hereby accept the nomination and confirm that:

1. I am a Parishioner in good standing of the above described Parish within the Detroit Metropolis;
2. I have read the attached Duties and Responsibilities of Council Members and, if elected, I agree to abide by them. In addition, (for Metropolis Council nominees) I have read Part Two of the Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, or (For Archdiocesan Council nominees) I have read Article 5 of the Regulations and I agree to abide by these Regulations to the best of my ability;
3. I have completed the attached background information form and it is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Also, I consent to the disclosure of information on the form to the Assembly to assist voters in the election of Council members.
4. I understand that, if elected, I will serve for approximately two years beginning upon the conclusion of the Clergy-Laity Congress to be held in 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Priest Certification

I \_\_\_\_\_ [Please print] (Nominee's Parish Priest)  
Certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Nominee) is a Parishioner in good standing of our Parish.  
Also, I have read the background information as shown on the attached schedule and believe it to be correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parish Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Mail or email the completed Nomination Form and Background Information to the Metropolis of Detroit Office:  
2560 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084 Attn: Clergy Laity Nominations – [office@detroit.goarch.org](mailto:office@detroit.goarch.org) at least 2 weeks before  
the start of the Clergy-Laity Conference.***



# METROPOLIS / ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL NOMINEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name of Nominee (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information that may be disclosed to participants at the Clergy-Laity Assembly for assistance in voting for Metropolis and Archdiocesan Council members.

Home Parish \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_

Local parish activities (Parish Council member/officer, positions held and how long):

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Metropolis activities (indicate if you are a current or past member of this or any other Metropolis Council, positions held and how long):

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Other Church organizations (Indicate any current or past member positions held & how long):

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Occupation, education and/or business background:

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Any other information you believe relevant:

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## For Contact Purposes:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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