

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit

CLERGY-LAITY CONFERENCE

October 23-24, 2025 Fort Wayne, Indiana

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

Hotel Reservations: The Marriott Courtyard Fort Wayne Downtown at Grand Wayne Convention Center at 1150 South Harrison Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802 will be the hotel for the 2025 Clergy Laity and Philoptochos Conferences. Please call the Marriott Courtyard at Grand Wayne Center at 260.490.3629 or go to **reservation link** to make reservations.

Book your group rate for Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit

A block of rooms have been held at the rate of **<u>\$144</u>** per night and mention that you are with the <u>Greek</u> <u>Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit Conference</u>.

You must make your room reservation by <u>Thursday, October 2, 2025</u>. After this date, rooms may not be available and the rate will increase to the regular rate.

<u>Meals & Expenses</u>: All scheduled meals are included with the cost of registration. Please notify us of any food restrictions.

<u>Arriving by Air:</u> Fort Wayne International Airport is approximately 20 minutes away from the hotel. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle. The Holy Trinity community will try to coordinate rides from the airport to hotel. Notify the Metropolis office at <u>office@detroit.goarch.org</u> if you would like a ride.

<u>Guests & Other Non-Delegates:</u> Conference plenary sessions and committee meetings are reserved for Delegates only. Guests are invited to attend learning sessions, presentations, and meals. A Non-delegate ticket form will be available for costs of events and meals.

Before you arrive: Please read the Uniform Metropolis Regulations, pages 20-25 of the Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. These are very important and will be helpful to you in carrying out your duties as a Delegate.

<u>Agenda Items to be considered at the Conference</u>: The Regulations provide that only items approved by a Parish's general assembly may be brought before the Local (Metropolis) Clergy Laity Assembly. See GOA Regulations- Article 11, Section 9 below).

Section 9: Any Parish having items it wishes considered at the Congress or Local Assembly shall:

- A. First submit them to the Parish Assembly for approval, and if approved
- **B.** Send a copy of the approved items together with the necessary documentation to the Metropolis, following which it
- **C.** May present them on the floor of the Local Assembly for consideration and, if approved by the Local Assembly, they shall be included in the items submitted to the Archdiocese.

Please remember that you are representative of your Parish and you are to be presenting your Parish's position on topics, not your personal views. Meeting Chairpersons will have the discretion to determine if a Delegate seems to be presenting a Parish view or a personal view. w or a personal view.