



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS ^{OF}

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TO: All Parish Priests, Esteemed Parish Councils and Board of Elections of the Metropolis of Atlanta

“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”. (2Cor. 4:6)

Soon, my beloved, you will plan for your Fall General Assemblies and for your Parish Council Elections. In doing so, I pray you will pause, as a Parish Family to give thanks to God for sustaining your Stewardship Diakonia to His Holy Church for yet another year.

To assist you and your Board of Elections in the execution of a smooth elections process, we are enclosing a set of the Election Guidelines as well as a copy of the Uniform Parish Regulations of our Holy Archdiocese. I urge you to review them carefully and implement them faithfully.

As always, swift processing and ratification of your Parish Council Election results depends on COMPLETE, TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE REPORTING OF SAME ON YOUR PART. To achieve that:

- A. Please review and use the “Metropolis of Atlanta Parish Council- The Nomination Process” guide and Parish Council Election Guidelines enclosed.
- B. Please ensure that candidates for the Parish Council be members in good standing of the Parish for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election and live their lives and activities according with the faith and canons of the Church.
- C. Your Election Chairman must ensure that your Parish leadership fills out and signs as indicated **all of the enclosed forms** before mailing them in **one complete submission** to the Metropolis Office of the Chancellor.
- D. Each candidate shall attend a regional seminar as scheduled by each Conference Vicar for the purpose of discussing the UPR and the significance of the affirmation of office. (Please see next two pages of this letter for details concerning this procedure implemented in the Metropolis of Atlanta in 2006.)
- E. Please check with your Parish Council to ensure that your parish’s Archdiocesan financial stewardship commitment to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta for its missions and obligations has been met in full for 2017. If not, please do **not** send until all paperwork and their affirmations can be signed and are complete.

Beseeking the Lord’s sufficient grace and power upon all of you and upon our beloved Nation, I assure you of my unwavering commitment to serving your needs.

+ Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis,

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Enclosures