



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

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## CLERGY-LAITY CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 26–28, 2019

SOMERSET INN – TROY, MICHIGAN

### INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

**Hotel Reservations:** The Somerset Inn at 2601 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084 will be the hotel for the 2019 Clergy Laity and Philoptochos Conferences. Please call the Somerset Inn at 248.643.7800 or 800.228.8769 to make reservations. A block of rooms have been held at the rate of \$129 (Tower) or \$149 (Executive Wing) per night and mention that you are with the **Greek Orthodox Metropolis Conference.**

**You must make your room reservation by September 4, 2019. After this date, rooms may not be available and the rate will increase to the regular rate.**

**Meals & Expenses:** All scheduled meals are included with the cost of registration with the exception of Thursday evening which will be a free evening for the delegates.

The Somerset Collection (Mall) is located adjacent to the Somerset Inn. The Crumpets restaurant is located inside the hotel and many other restaurants in the general area.

**Arriving by Air:** The Detroit Metropolitan Airport is approximately 45 minutes from hotel. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle. The hotel offers a local shuttle service for travel within a three mile radius.

**Guests & Other Non-Delegates:** Conference plenary sessions and committee meetings are reserved for Delegates only. Guests and other non-delegates are invited to attend learning sessions, presentations, workshops and meals. See the Non-delegate Ticket form for information.

**Before you arrive:** Please read the Uniform Metropolis Regulations, pages 15-20 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.

**Agenda Items to be considered at the Conference:** 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 a 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.