



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.