



# Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit

## CLERGY-LAITY CONFERENCE

September 21–22, 2023

Sheraton Ann Arbor – Ann Arbor, Michigan

### INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

**Hotel Reservations:** The Sheraton Ann Arbor at 3200 Boardwalk Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 will be the hotel for the 2023 Clergy Laity and Philoptochos Conferences. Please call the Sheraton Ann Arbor at 734.996.0600 or 1.888.236.2427 or go to [reservation link](#) to make reservations.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1683208392525&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

A block of rooms have been held at the rate of \$219 per night and mention that you are with the **Greek Orthodox Metropolis Conference**.

You must make your room reservation by **August 21, 2023**. 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.

**Arriving by Air:** The Detroit Metropolitan Airport is approximately 45 minutes from hotel. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle.

**Guests & Other Non-Delegates:** 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 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.