



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA (“Metropolis”) CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY
 (“Assembly”)
 RULES AND PROCEDURES (“Procedures”) FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION
 TO
 ATLANTA METROPOLIS COUNCIL AND ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL

1. All elections to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Council (“Archdiocesan Council”) and Metropolis of Atlanta Council (“Metropolis Council”) will be conducted at the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly (the “Assembly”) in accordance with the latest version of the Archdiocesan Regulations and Uniform Metropolis Regulations (collectively, the “Regulations”). To the extent of any inconsistency between these Procedures and the Regulations, the provisions of the Regulations will control. These Procedures supersede the older Procedures previously circulated.
2. The Delegates of the Assembly will elect 2 lay representatives and 1 clergy representative from the Metropolis to serve on the Archdiocesan Council in accordance with elections held pursuant to these Procedures and the Regulations.
3. The Delegates of the Assembly will elect a total of 16 members (8 lay members and 8 clergy members) from the Metropolis to serve on the Metropolis Council in accordance with elections held pursuant to these Procedures and the Regulations.
4. In addition, the Metropolitan of Atlanta (the “Metropolitan”) shall appoint up to 8 additional members to the Metropolis Council from among the clergy and/or laity in the Metropolis.
5. All candidates for election to the Metropolis Council and the Archdiocesan Council shall live his or her life in accordance with the faith and canons of the Greek Orthodox Church and shall be a member in good standing (as stated in the Regulations) of a Parish in the Metropolis of Atlanta.

6. The names of lay or clergy nominees to the Metropolis Council or Archdiocesan Council should be forwarded by a Parish, in a document signed by the Parish Priest and Parish Council President, to the Metropolis Chancellor's office by no later than 60 days before the Assembly convenes to allow the Chancellor of the Metropolis to attempt to ascertain if the nominees are qualified to run as stated in these Procedures and the Regulations. Parishioners should be afforded the opportunity to request their name be submitted by the Parish as a candidate for the Metropolis Council or Archdiocesan Council. The Parish Council or Metropolis Clergy Syndesmos may also nominate a lay person or clergyman for consideration. Parish Council nominees should also be submitted in a writing signed by the Parish Priest and Parish Council President and sent to the Metropolis Chancellor's office by no later than 60 days before the Assembly convenes.

7. To the extent that any candidates' names, brief biographies (50 words or less) and passport-sized photos are received by the Chancellor of the Metropolis of Atlanta at least 30 days prior to the first day of the Assembly, such information shall be made available to the Delegates for their consideration prior to the elections.

8. The Metropolitan of Atlanta may also propose nominations for any elected Archdiocesan Council and Metropolis Council position. In the event there are insufficient nominees presented for the election process by the parishes for Archdiocesan Council and Metropolis Council positions, the Metropolitan of Atlanta shall make nominations as necessary for the needed council positions for election.

9. All nominees for election to the Metropolis Council and Archdiocesan Council should make every effort to be in attendance at the Assembly.

10. Only Delegates duly certified by the Credentials Committee of the Assembly shall have the right to vote in the election. The election shall be by secret ballot. In the spirit of Christian love and fellowship, during the election process, for their ballots to be counted, Delegates to the Assembly will need to properly complete their ballot and vote for a candidate for all open positions. Bullet voting will not be permitted and incomplete ballots, or improperly completed ballots, will not be counted.

11. The newly constituted Metropolis Council shall meet, and elect its elected officers, all as set forth in the Regulations.