



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

Clergy Laity Assembly & Philoptochos Conference 2009

Tampa Bay / Clearwater, FL

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Clearwater, Florida is honored to serve as the host parish for the **2009 Metropolis of Atlanta Clergy Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Conference**. This year marks our 40th Anniversary as a parish and we are excited to show you our “Philoxenia” in sunny Florida!

The event will be held June 10- 14, 2009 at the beautiful Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. Accommodations may be arranged directly with the hotel at (800) 233-1234 or (813) 874-1234. Discounted rates are available until May 15th, subject to availability, at \$169.00 per night by mentioning “Greek Orthodox” or code “GREE”. The hotel has a free shuttle to and from the airport, which is 5 minutes away, and free parking! Busses will be available for transportation to various events for those who register for transportation, but for greater flexibility in travel, consider driving or renting a vehicle. All major car rental agencies have service at Tampa International Airport (TIA). All meetings and workshops will be held at the hotel.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, has chosen the theme of the Conference, **“THE DAY AFTER TODAY: OUR YOUTH”**. This theme touches the heart of our parish lives and will serve as the inspiration for a spiritually rewarding and uplifting weekend of fellowship, service, witness, communion and worship!

Please accept this package as your registration packet. Additional copies may be made for more registrants as desired. Included herein are the following items:

- Clergy Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Conference Registration Forms
- Convention Delegate Regulations
- Current Clergy Laity Assembly Schedule of Events
- Clergy Laity Assembly Rules for Nomination and Election for Metropolis and Archdiocese Councils
- Clergy Laity Assembly Yearbook/ Ad Book Information

For Philoptochos delegates, your package includes the following additional material:

31581 U.S. Highway 19 North, Palm Harbor, FL 34684
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- Message from Evan Scurtis, President, Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Society
- Philoptochos Delegate Information and Certification
- Philoptochos Delegate Regulations and Election Rules
- 50 year pin information

Our community is hard at work to make this a most productive and enjoyable weekend for all participants. Special highlighted features include the Opening Banquet and Ceremonies on Thursday evening, the Philoptochos Luncheon on Friday afternoon and two special events. Friday evening you will be treated to a cultural event featuring unforgettable food and entertainment at our Holy Trinity Matheos Hall during **“AN EVENING AT THE TAVERNA!”** and Saturday evening you will be transported to the famous Sponge Docks in Tarpon Springs for a chance to enjoy on your own a bit of “Old Florida” and the Greek Islands all wrapped into one! We will conclude Sunday with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity, followed by a Farewell Luncheon. For your convenience, a supervised program for children ages 4 to 12 years old is being planned at the hotel for Friday and Saturday. We look forward to having you stay with us in beautiful Clearwater/ Tampa Bay and hope you consider extending your stay to visit our world famous beaches during this best time of the year!

Please note that the completed registration forms, yearbook/ ad book materials and fees are due by April 30, 2009. If you have any questions, feel free to call Holy Trinity Church at (727) 799-4605 or the Conference Secretary, Carrie Zervas at Dr. Vlahos’ office at (727)772-0819 ext 28. You may email questions to goholytrinity@aol.com or carriedz@knology.net. Please visit our website at www.atlantaclergylaity.org.

We fervently pray that you and your family are blessed by our Lord with the opportunity to come together with the entire Metropolis of Atlanta family for this most wonderful and most important event in the life of our Church!

With enthusiasm and excitement in anticipation of your visit, we remain
Your fellow servants in Christ,

Father James Rousakis, Vicar
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Proistamenos, Holy Trinity

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