

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

INFORMATION WE ALL NEED TO KNOW

Each and every baptized Orthodox Christian must make some effort of active commitment to his or her Church. Some serve by participating in the Choir; some do so by joining the Ladies Philoptochos Society; others assist whenever the Church by serving as members of the Parish Council.

Being a member of the Parish Council is ministry and all those who serve are called to represent Christ and the Orthodox Faith to all whom they meet in all aspects of life. This is a truly a responsible task that must be served by an individual committed to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The role of a Parish Council member is a holy and spiritual one. In assisting in the administrative responsibilities of the Church, a Parish Council member acknowledges the importance of strengthening the earthly ministry of Christ through God's Church. Membership on Parish Council should not be for social reasons nor status in the Community; but rather an act of humility and conviction to Christ our Lord.

In accordance with the 2007 Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, all candidates seeking election to serve on the Parish Council must attend a **PARISH COUNCIL SEMINAR** organized by the Parish Council and under the leadership of the Parish Priest. The purpose of the Seminar is to prepare candidates for the Parish Council, as well as making aware of the sacred responsibilities expected of a Council member.

This PARISH COUNCIL SEMINAR will be held on Sunday November 15, 2015 in the Chapel immediately after Divine Liturgy. All potential Parish Council members, including those seeking re-election, must attend the Seminar. In order to be placed on the ballot, one must complete the Application for Candidacy form and return it to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 3:00pm. If an Application has not been turned in by the designated date and time, the person will be ineligible.

**APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY
FOR ELECTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

I, _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

(_____) _____ (_____) _____
(Home Phone) (Cell Phone)

Desire to serve the _____ Greek Orthodox Church of
(Name of the Church)
City _____, State _____ for a term of _____ year's

For Parish Council three-year term beginning January 2016.
I certify that I am a parishioner in good standing as stated in Article 18 of the 2007 Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and that my parish stewardship commitment is current. Further I certify that I will attend the Parish Council Seminar which is scheduled prior to the elections and if elected, will take the affirmation of office as stated in Article 26 of the Regulations and Finally I certify that I am ecclesiastically in order and that:

- A. I have been Baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity.
- B. I have been Chrismated into the Orthodox Christian Tradition.
- C. I have had my Marriage blessed in the Orthodox Church.
- D. I participate in the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion.
- E. I participate in the Divine Services, observe Fast Days.

(Signature of Candidate) (Date)

Candidacy Application Received:

Date: _____ Time: _____ By: _____

Note: This Application and the Candidate Profile must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION - CANDIDATE PROFILE

(You may submit your own Word or PDF form to htfrontoffice@holytrinityphx.org. If you use this form please print clearly as this form will be copied and sent to all Stewards)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of spouse: _____

Name(s) of children: _____

Member of Holy Trinity for _____ years

Have you served on the Parish Council at Holy Trinity before? _____ When? _____

Office held at Holy Trinity (all organizations) and years served in office: _____

Came from what city and Church and served Church in what capacity? _____

What do you hope to see happen at Holy Trinity in the future? _____

Please tell us about yourself: _____
