



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΣ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΥ

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Dear Parishioner:

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Enclosed with this letter please find (i) an application and nomination form for candidates to the Parish Council, (ii) a schedule of area Archdiocesan Parish Council Seminars which all candidates must attend according to the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese and (iii) a letter from Bishop Andonios regarding instructions for elections, seminars and the documents that need to be submitted by all candidates.

In accordance with the UPR, a candidate for the Parish Council must be a steward member in good standing for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and canons of the Church. Specifically, a candidate must be Baptized in the Orthodox Church; has been a steward member in good standing since 2017; if married, be married in the Orthodox Church; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and receive the Holy Sacraments regularly; respect ecclesiastical authority in all matters of faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; and be a good example of Orthodox Christian living to all. The Priest determines whether a candidate is in canonical and financial good standing, as specified in the UPR Article 18, Sections 1 to 3.

**The deadline for submitting (i) the enclosed application and (ii) proof of completion of the Parish Council seminar is one o'clock in the afternoon (1:00 p.m.) on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** Applicants for election to the Parish Council shall personally submit both their application and their seminar affirmation to the Priest or to a member of the Board of Elections at any time before the deadline. Between 12pm – 1pm on the date of the submission deadline, the Board of Elections and the Priest will meet at the church to collect any final candidate applications and seminar affirmations. **Candidacy application materials will not be accepted after the above-specified deadline without the Bishop's written permission.**

The Board of Elections will distribute to all parishioners written notice of the Parish Council elections and the official ballot containing the names of the candidates for election, which will be prepared in consultation with the Priest. Only those applicants who have met the qualifications and requirements set forth in the UPR and the Parish By-Laws are considered as candidates and listed on the official ballot.

**Elections will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, between the hours of 12:00pm – 2:00pm in our Church Fellowship Hall.** All steward members in good standing who have met their financial obligations to the church for 2017 are eligible to vote. Ratification of the election and the administration of the oath of office shall be given according to the UPR. The upcoming elections will be for nine (9) Parish Council members.

You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and discuss their vision for our Parish at the fellowship hour following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 2, 2018. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely yours,

The Board of Electors

Mrs. Christina Ramoglou

Mr. Peter Mihalopoulos

Mrs. Emmy Koukoulogiannis



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## Parish Council Candidate Application December 2018

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_,  
desire to serve as a member of the Parish Council of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
in Stamford, Connecticut.

I hereby certify that I have been a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one (1)  
year immediately preceding the date of the election (December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018) and that I have read  
and meet the qualifications for candidacy set forth in the Uniform Parish Regulations of the  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America ("UPR").

I further certify that I will attend (or have attended) a regional seminar given by the Archdiocese  
at which the duties of a Parish Council member and the manner by which Parishes are  
administered, each in accordance with the UPR, will be (or were) explained.

I also certify that, if elected, and if my election is ratified by the Archdiocese, I will sign a  
conflict disclosure statement and will take the affirmation of office, as required by the UPR.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

### Nomination

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of the Parish, hereby  
nominate the applicant hereto to be a candidate for election to the Parish Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Nominating Individual)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)