



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Gerasimos of Cephalonia, Artemius the Great-Martyr*

Dear Beloved Steward of the Ascension,

Our Parish is now seeking qualified candidates to serve on the Ascension of Our Lord Parish Council for 2018-2019. Parish Council members are “servants” of the Church, aiding and supporting the ministry of the Priest through their leadership within the realm of their Stewardship commitment of time, talents, and treasures. The commitment to serve on the Parish Council, is not a “seat of power;” it must come from one's dedication to serve the Church, her Teachings, Dogmas, and the Ascension Parish Family.


Enclosed is a **NOMINATION FORM** for those seeking to serve on the Parish Council. **You or someone else (pending your personal verification or approval of said nomination) may place your name in nomination. Your SIGNATURE for approval of said nomination must be on the accompanying form when submitted. This Nomination Form must be in the Church Office no later than Sunday, November 19, 2017.**

Elections will take place on **Sunday, December 10, 2017.** Absentee ballots can be obtained from the Election Committee ten (10) days prior to the election and must be submitted to the Committee no later than 11 am on the day of the election.

Following elections on December 10<sup>th</sup> and validation of the elections by our Metropolitan *locum tenens*, our Parish Council Officers will be elected by the new Council at a special Parish Council meeting following the Oath of Office. Committee assignments and appointments will be made at the next regularly scheduled Parish Council Meeting.

I thank you in advance for your support and love to this vital aspect of our Parish life.

In Christ,



Rev. Fr. Sotirios P. Malamis  
*Ieratikos Proistamenos*

## **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION INFORMATION AND FORM**

In order to be eligible to serve as a member of the Ascension of Our Lord Parish Council for 2018-2019, you must meet the following guidelines and criteria as established by the Church and our Holy Archdiocese:

1. **SPIRITUALLY:** You must be a Baptized and/or Chrismated follower in the Orthodox Faith and attend divine services regularly throughout the year; receive the Sacraments; uphold the teachings and Holy Traditions of the Church.
2. **CANONICALLY:** You must have no ecclesiastical impediments against you, for example:
  - a. You must be married within the Orthodox Church
  - b. If divorced, you must have received an Ecclesiastical Divorce through the Church
3. **RESPONSIBLY:** You must be a current, active, communing and contributing Steward of the Ascension for 2017; and have submitted a Stewardship Pledge card of 2018.

As a member of the Ascension of Our Lord Parish Council, you must faithfully and regularly:

1. Attend Sunday Worship (at a minimum) and other church services throughout the year
2. Received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and maintain contact with your Spiritual Father / Confessor
3. Attend regular monthly Parish Council meetings and serve on assigned committees (meeting within the committee as to be determined)
4. Dutifully perform the assigned or volunteered tasks in support of the ministries, spiritual and physical growth of our local, Metropolis and Archdiocesan Church.

If there is a question regarding your status as an eligible candidate for the Parish Council, please speak with Fr. Sotirios and discuss the matter privately, prior to submitting this form.

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### **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM 2018-2019**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a current and active and Steward of the Ascension? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

**SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

PLEASE RETURN THIS CONFIDENTIAL FORM TO FR. SOTIRIOS, IN PERSON, BY EMAIL  
(frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com) OR VIA THE CHURCH ADDRESS, TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN,  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2017.**