

From Maria Melts Stasios, Parish Council President

Greetings from the Parish Council. It's November and that means it's time for our Fall General Assembly meeting. Please save the date of November 15th and plan to join us following our church services. Our agenda will include both developing our 2010 budget and identifying candidates for the upcoming Parish Council elections.

Would you make a good Parish Council candidate? According to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, here is what makes a good candidate:

- someone who is a leader in the community and will hopefully have a positive effect on the parish
- one who views serving on the parish council as a ministry and who serves in cooperation with the parish priest
- someone who is a good example of a faithful Orthodox Christian

Additional considerations for ideal Parish Council candidates are parishioners who will:

- come to church each Sunday faithfully and punctually
- prepare for and receive Holy Communion
- attend a Bible study, educational program or retreat
- remain church-oriented and Christ-centered and serve as examples to others
- participate fully in meetings, ministries and other activities of the parish

Are you interested in this ministry? Are you ready to consider serving on the Parish Council? From experience, I can add that the Parish Council needs hard workers with a variety of skills, experiences and education mixed with commitment, responsibility and dependability. It needs those who are active in the worship and sacramental life of the Church.

Parish Council members represent both the parish and the Orthodox Christian faith in our community. They are called upon to use the gifts with which they have been blessed to carry out the work of the church.

If you truly care about the church and its mission, if you pray, keep the fast, receive Communion, attend services, are punctual and reliable, and can speak with some competency about Orthodoxy, then please consider serving on the Parish Council.

We have many wonderful parishioners serving on our Council now and we need additional candidates to serve for the next two years. Typically, we find our strongest Council candidates in church. Please look around you and see who you think might be willing to serve our Parish. Come to the General Assembly meeting so you can help direct the future of our Parish. We are always open to new ideas.

And as always, please let us know if you have questions or concerns we can address.