



METROPOLIS  
OF CHICAGO

14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF CHICAGO

## ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΣΙΚΑΓΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

---

Dear Stewards,

By the grace of Almighty God, you are hereby respectfully invited to attend the General Assembly of the Annunciation Cathedral, to be convened on **Pentecost Sunday, the Thirty-First of May 2026**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, in the Bessie Miller Hall of the Cathedral.

The proposed order of proceedings shall be as follows:

1. **Preliminary Matters**

- a. Verification of Quorum and Opening Prayer
- b. Nominations and Election of the Chair of the Assembly, and Appointment of Secretary
- c. Reading and Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous General Assembly

2. **President's Address**

Mr Jonathan Bacon

3. **Reports of Ministries and Committees**

- Stewardship Report: Mrs Ellen Best
- Greek School Report: Mrs Dimitra Georgouses Frentzas
- Philoptochos Report: Mrs Polyxeni Kapsalis

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Mr Kris Ker

5. **Address of the Proistamenos**

Archimandrite Nephon Tsimalis, Dean

6. **Old and New Business**

- Selection of Representatives to the Metropolis Clergy–Laity Assembly
- Determination of the Next General Assembly

7. **Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

Your presence and participation are earnestly requested as we gather in a spirit of Christian fellowship and shared stewardship, labouring together for the continued growth of the ministries of our beloved Cathedral and the spiritual edification of the faithful entrusted to our care.

Should any Steward wish to obtain a copy of the minutes of the previous General Assembly in advance of the meeting, kindly communicate with the Cathedral Office. We will soon announce the date of our General Assembly, Autumn 2026 to approve budget.

Invoking upon you the abundant mercies and blessings of our Lord, we remain,

Yours faithfully in Christ,

†*Archimandrite Nephon Tsimalis*

*Mr Jonathan Bacon*

*Parish Council President*

## ARTICLE 31 PARISH ASSEMBLY

### Section 1:

A Parish Assembly may be convened for matters other than those involving canonical and dogmatic issues. The Parish Assembly is the general meeting of the Parishioners in good standing of the Parish and is the general policymaking and appropriating body of the Parish.

### Section 2:

Notice of a Parish Assembly shall be mailed to all Parishioners in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the Assembly and shall include the agenda. The agenda shall be prepared by the Priest and the Parish Council and shall include all items to be discussed at the Assembly.

### Section 3:

A Parish Assembly consists of parishioners in good standing of the Parish who have met their stewardship obligations to the Parish in accordance with the Parish Bylaws. A person whose name appears on the Stewardship rolls but who is in arrears in the payment of his/her stewardship obligations may take part in the Parish Assembly by meeting such stewardship obligations on or before the date of the meeting. If a Parishioner is delinquent for more than the current calendar year, he or she may vote at the Parish Assembly only after that parishioner has met the unfulfilled stewardship financial obligations at least thirty (30) days before the Parish Assembly. New parishioners may exercise their vote at Parish Assemblies if they have been parishioners in good standing for at least three months. The Priest shall be a non-voting participant of the Parish Assembly.

### Section 4:

The quorum for a Parish Assembly under local By-laws shall be as high as possible in such number of parishioners in good standing as its By-laws may determine. If a quorum cannot be achieved, no vote can be taken. If a quorum is not present, the Parish Assembly shall be called a second time within twenty-one (21) days. At such time, decisions may be taken by the number of parishioners in good standing present, with the exception of matters pertaining to the purchase, sale or encumbering of Parish property, in which case a quorum of parishioners in good standing shall be required.

### Section 5:

Proxies shall not be permitted at a Parish Assembly.

### Section 6:

Regular Parish Assemblies shall be convened by the Priest and the Parish Council, at least twice each year, at dates fixed by the Parish Council.

### Section 7:

Special Parish Assemblies shall be held when the Priest and/or Parish Council deem it necessary. Subject to Section 1 above, a special Parish Assembly may be convened. In addition, and except as otherwise prohibited by these Regulations or required by law, if at least ten percent (10%) of the Parishioners in good standing of the Parish submit a written petition requesting a Parish Assembly, a special Parish Assembly shall be convened. Any such petition must be submitted to the Priest and the Parish Council stating the purpose for the meeting.

### Section 8:

The Chairman of the Parish Assembly shall be elected by the parishioners in good standing present.

### Section 9:

The Secretary of the Parish Assembly shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall record the minutes of the Assembly. The minutes of the Parish Assembly shall be signed by the Priest, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Parish Assembly.