



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF BOSTON  
ἹΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΒΟΣΤΩΝΗΣ

October 31, 2008

*To the Reverend Clergy, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, and Members of the Boards of Elections of the Metropolis of Boston Parishes:*

Dear Friends,

The Parish Council election season is upon us. As you prepare to come together in Parish Assemblies for the purpose of nominating candidates for election, please be reminded of the following:

**In accordance with Article 25, Section 3.A of the 2005 edition of the Uniform Parish Regulations (UPR), all candidates for election to the Parish Council are required to attend a seminar at which the UPR are explained. "At the conclusion of the seminar all candidates must sign a statement acknowledging that they understand the UPR and will abide by them and the affirmation of office.... If a candidate for the Parish Council does not attend a seminar and sign the statement, his/her name shall be deleted from the list of candidates" (25.3.D).**

Included with this letter is a list of the locations, dates, and times of the candidate seminars that will be held throughout the Metropolis of Boston in the coming weeks. We have arranged for a seminar in each of the nine districts of our Metropolis. In an effort to accommodate as many people as possible, please make this information available to all potential candidates within your communities. If a candidate for nomination is not able to attend the seminar in his/her District, that person may attend one of the other seminars. All ongoing parish council members are also warmly invited to participate in these seminars.

At the conclusion of the seminar, candidates will be asked to complete the Candidate's Statement form, available in English or Greek, and the Certificate of Participation form. Both forms must be signed and sealed by the clergyman who conducted the seminar, and returned to the Board of Elections of his or her own parish. Unless this form is properly completed and submitted, the Board of Elections cannot place the person's name on the ballot.

Conveying to you the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, I remain,

With love in the Lord,

Father Theodore J. Barbas  
Chancellor