



Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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My Beloved Parishioners:

On **Sunday, December 5, 2021**, the election of **six (6) Parish Council Members** will take place in the Office of the Cathedral. Voting will begin after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and will terminate at 3:00pm. A Parishioner is eligible to be a candidate for election to the Parish Council if he or she fulfills the following obligations:

1. According to the Article 25, Section 1, of the UPR Archdiocesan Regulations, any parishioner in good standing of the Cathedral, for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election, 18 years or older, and with a life according to faith canons of the orthodox Church is eligible to be a candidate for the Parish Council.

2. According to the Parish Bylaws of Saint George Cathedral an individual must have met all his/her financial obligations for the year 2020 and have satisfied at least fifty (50 %) percent of the 2021 stewardship commitment.

The enclosed sample ballot lists all the candidates for your information. This is not an official ballot; it is simply to familiarize you with the candidates. On the Election Day, you will be asked to select and check up to six (6) candidates of the names listed.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS POLICY

Any parishioner who is a Steward in Good Standing and fulfill his/her stewardship obligations as described above, may request an absentee ballot for himself/herself only by contacting the Church office in person. All requests for absentee ballots shall be made in writing and can be made only by the individual Parishioner.

Once the absentee ballot is completed, the absentee voter will seal their ballot inside the provided envelope labeled "ABSENTEE BALLOT". The "ABSENTEE BALLOT" envelope will then be sealed inside the returned envelope.

The deadline for receipt at the Cathedral's office of written requests for absentee ballots shall be postmarked no later than **Friday, December 3, 2021**.

All written requests received after Friday, December 3, 2021, will not be considered and the he/she making the request shall be notified by the Election Committee by phone or in writing that he/she will not receive an absentee ballot and can only vote on election day at the polls.

The absentee ballot might be mailed to the Cathedral's office, St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 256 South 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, and be received by Friday, December 3, 2021, or in person on the same day and time. **No absentee ballot will be received on Saturday, December 4, 2021, or Sunday morning December 5, 2021, during the Divine Liturgy and before the beginning of the elections.**

In Christ's Service,

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers
Presiding Priest of the Cathedral