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Protopresbyter James Pavlow, Proistamenos

November 29, 2024

Dear St. Anna Steward Families,

On behalf of the entire Board of Elections (which also includes Joan Janulis and John Coutsouridis), I want to inform you that this year's election for Parish Council will take place on Sunday, December 8, 2024, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Voting will take place until 12:30pm.

The following seven (7) Parish Council candidates have accepted their nominations and are eligible to run for the six (6) open Parish Council positions (2-year terms of 2025-2026).

Paul Costalas	Leo Sideris
Benjamin Gimbel	Dean Soteropoulos
Diana Grina	Nikol Toulatos
Christopher Kamnitsis	

For voter eligibility, according to the Uniform Parish Regulations (UPR), Chapter One, Article 18, voting in elections and assemblies is afforded to all those parishioners in good standing. To summarize, a parishioner in good standing:

- Practices all the religious and moral duties as described in Section 1 of Article 18
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Be current in his/her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish
- Abides by all the regulations stated in the UPR
- Cooperates in every way towards the welfare and well-being of the Parish

According to the UPR, Chapter Two, Article 25, Sections 4 and 5, the following logistics apply when assessing voter eligibility:

- A parishioner in good standing and duly enrolled in the Parish Record but delinquent in or her Parish stewardship obligations for the current year may vote in the election by meeting his or her stewardship obligation prior to the election
- If a parishioner is delinquent for more than the current calendar year, he/she may vote in the Parish Council elections only if he/she has met his/her unfulfilled stewardship financial obligation by at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election
- A new parishioner of the Parish may vote in the election if he/she has become a member in good standing at least three (3) months prior to the election and has been a committed steward of our parish for at least the past three (3) months if not a steward last year (i.e. a 2024 Commitment Card has been completed, signed and returned to the church by September 8, 2024 for new stewards).

Please refer to the UPR for more details. It can be found on the Archdiocesan Website, at the following URL:

<http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/documents/upr>



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The Board of Elections would also like to note the following rules during the elections:

- Voting will be conducted via anonymous ballot
- Only one ballot per eligible parishioner/steward family is permitted
- No absentee ballots will be permitted

If you have any questions regarding your Stewardship Commitment, please contact Jorge Ferreira, Parish Council Assistant Treasurer. If there are any concerns, please reach out to a Board of Elections Member or Fr. Jimmy. Thank you and hope to see you on Sunday, December 8 for the Parish Council Elections.

Sincerely,

Stephanie McElroy  
Board of Elections Chairperson