

CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY 2019 AGENDA

Note: Agenda subject to change

“Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Matthew 9:13).

Wednesday, September 25

(Feast of St. Euphrosyne of Alexandria)

Arrival of most guests and participants

Thursday, September 26

(Feast of St. John the Theologian)

5:30—6:30 AM / Group Exercise

7:00—8:00 AM / Morning Prayer

8:00—9:00 AM / Breakfast

9:00—10:00 AM / Official Opening

**10:00—12:00 PM / Plenary Session 1: Saint Iakovos Retreat
Center**

**12:00—1:30 PM / Lunch with Presentation: “Religious Freedom
and the Ecumenical Patriarchate”**

**12:00—2:00 PM / Election of Archdiocesan (2) and Metropolis
Council (16) Members**

2:00—4:00 PM / Plenary Session 2: Finance

4:00—6:00 PM / Plenary Session 3: Metropolis Center

6:30—8:00 PM / Dinner-BBQ (at hotel)

**8:00—9:30 PM / Plenary Session 4: Motions for National
Clergy-Laity Congress**

9:30—10:30 PM / Evening Prayer

Friday, September 27

(Feast of St. Kallistratos the Martyr and his 49 Companions)

5:30—6:30 AM / Group Exercise

7:00—8:00 AM / Morning Prayer

8:00—9:00 AM / Breakfast

9:00—9:30 AM / Metropolitan's Strategic Plan Keynote: *Mercy as an Invitation to Change*

9:30—11:00 AM / General Overview of Strategic Plan

11:00—12:00 PM / Presentation of Strategic Goals by Task Force Chairs

12:00—1:00 PM / Lunch

1:00—2:30 PM / Task Force Breakout Session 1

(each delegate attends one of the Task Forces that most interests them and discusses the Goals and Action Plans of that Task Force)

2:30—2:45 PM / Break

2:45—4:15 PM / Task Force Breakout Session 2

(attend different Task Force that is of interest)

4:15—4:30 PM / Break

4:30—5:30 PM / Strategic Planning Open Forum Discussion

6:00—7:00 PM / Social Hour Reception

7:00—9:00 PM / Grand Banquet

Saturday, September 28

(Feast of St. Hariton the Confessor)

5:30—6:30 AM / Group Exercise

7:00—8:00 AM / Morning Prayer

8:00—9:00 AM / Breakfast

**9:00—11:00 AM / Plenary Session 5: Archdiocesan Youth
Protection Policy**

11:00—12:00 PM / Youth Keynote Presentation/TED Talk

**12:00—1:00 PM / Plenary Session 6: The Youth's Experience of
the Church (Panel Discussion)**

**1:00—2:00 PM / Lunch with Presentation: "Archdiocesan Clergy
Initiative Program"**

**1:00—2:00 PM / "Make a Joyful Noise: Engaging Orthodox
Youth Through Church Music:" Presented by
the Federation of Greek Orthodox Church
Musicians of the Chicago Metropolis**

Free Evening

Sunday, September 29

(Feast of St. Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine)

8:15 AM / Orthros

**9:30 AM / Hierarchical Divine Liturgy — St. Mary's GOC
(transportation provided)**

12:30 PM / Lunch at St. Mary's



*Hyatt Regency Hotel at Mall of America
Bloomington, Minnesota
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