

Bylaws of the St. John Chrysostom Clergy Syndesmos

Direct Archdiocesan District

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.

Romans 12:10-13

Preamble

We, the clergy of the Direct Archdiocesan District, directly under the Omophorion of the Archbishop of America, and desiring to manifest the words of St. Paul the Apostle that we "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2), affirm the existence of the St. John Chrysostom Clergy Syndesmos

Mission

The mission of the Direct Archdiocesan Clergy Syndesmos is to serve the needs of the clergy of Direct Archdiocesan District: to support, enhance and promote the mission and brotherhood of our priests on all levels of their ministry and diakonia, spiritual growth and educational development, as well as their personal needs.

Stewardship

The Direct Archdiocesan Clergy Syndesmos shall be comprised of all the Clergy of the Direct Archdiocesan District of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The suggested annual stewardship for each clergyman is \$100 which is to be submitted at the beginning of the new calendar year, i.e. January 1st. The stewardship offering is to be mailed directly to the Treasurer of the District Syndesmos who in turn will forward to the Archdiocesan Presbyters Council \$20 per priest.

- Local "Fellowships" may collect an additional offering for expenses of local programs and monthly meetings.
- Local "Fellowships" may also request from the DAD Syndesmos funding for local programs.

Officers & Representatives

At the Spring DAD meeting on an even year, the clergy will nominate officers and representatives to serve a two year term. Each Officer may serve two consecutive terms. The officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The immediate past president is also a member of the Direct Archdiocesan District Syndesmos Executive Board. Representatives to the following positions are elected positions: APC Representative; Alumni Representative to HC/HC; Health & Benefits Representative. The term of office for the members of the Executive Board will not exceed two consecutive terms in the same office.

Meetings

A meeting of the Direct Archdiocesan District Syndesmos shall be convened at least twice each year, at least once in the fall and once in the spring by the Archbishop, the Chancellor or the President of the Clergy Syndesmos. Special meetings may be called by the Archbishop, the Chancellor or by the President, who must have the consent of the other officers and with the knowledge and blessings of the Archbishop and/or Chancellor.

The Direct Archdiocesan District Clergy Retreat

The Direct Archdiocesan District Clergy Retreat will be organized by the Officers and a special Committee entrusted with this task. The dates of the Retreat will be scheduled before or during the Great Lent determined by when Pascha is celebrated. The parishes of each clergyman are obligated to financially support the participation of their clergy in this retreat.

Fellowships

The Fellowships of the Direct Archdiocesan District exist to foster fellowship and support programs of the various geographical areas of the Direct Archdiocesan District. These Fellowships are:

- 1) The Five Boroughs of New York City: consists of the clergy assigned as staff of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and the churches that are in the five Boroughs.
- 2) The Long Island Fellowship: consists of the clergy that are assigned to the churches that are located in Nassau County and Suffolk County.
- 3) The Connecticut Fellowship: consists of the clergy assigned to the churches that are located in the state of Connecticut and Westchester County, New York.

- 4) Mid-Hudson Fellowship: consists of the clergy assigned to the churches of the Mid-Hudson and the Capital area of New York State.
- 5) The Washington, DC Fellowship: consists of the churches of Washington, DC and Nassau, the Bahamas.

*These fellowships may permit the participation of clergy of other Orthodox “jurisdictions” but these priests are not official members of the Syndesmos.

District Standing Committees

Hellenic College/Holy Cross

Hellenic College/Holy Cross School Alumni

Religious Education

Health/Benefits

Direct Archdiocesan Retreat

Outreach & Evangelism

Amendments

Any amendments to these bylaws must be submitted to all the members of the Syndesmos in writing thirty (30) days prior to the fall or spring meeting and approved by a two-thirds majority at said meeting.