



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

2017 CLERGY LAITY ASSEMBLY
Garfield, New Jersey
May 8-9, 2017

*“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children,
you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:3)*

A G E N D A

[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

3:00pm- Hotel Check-in (Saddle Brook Marriott Hotel)

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

7:30-9:00am Registration at “THE VENETIAN” Lobby

7:30am **Orthros and Divine Liturgy at “The St. John Chrysostom” Chapel (Venetian)**

8:30am Breakfast

9:45am

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2017 CLERGY LAITY ASSEMBLY
AND PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION**

Welcome: Mr. James C. Fountas, Vice President of Metropolitan Council
Greetings: Rev. Protopresbyter Elias Noplos, President of Clergy Syndesmos
Mrs. Anastasia Michals, GOMNJ Philoptochos President
Ms. Maria Logus, Esq., National Philoptochos President

10:15am **ARCHPASTORAL EXHORTATION** **H.E. METROPOLITAN EVANGELOS OF NJ**

10:30am **“LITURGY AS CATECHESIS: UNLOCKING THE TREASURES OF LITURGICAL LIFE”**

Rev. Protopresbyter Stefanos Alexopoulos, Ph.D

Assistant Professor of Liturgical Studies and Sacramental Theology
The Catholic University of America School of Theology and Religious Studies
Washington, D.C.

11:00am -St. Nicholas G.O. Church at the WTC

11:30am -GOA Finance report, Health
& Property Insurance

Mr. Jerry Demetriou

Rev. Soterios Baroody

Mr. George Papadakos

Rev. Konstantinos Pavlakos

12:00pm	Parish Development	Mrs. Niki Sotiropoulos Margaritis
12:15pm	-GOMNJ Stewardship/Total Commitment	Mr. Peter Arbes
12:45pm	SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR PARISH/COMMUNITIES	Mr. John Chrissomallis
1:15pm	Lunch	
2:30-4:00pm	WORKSHOPS:	
	-Religious Education (Chapel)	Rev. Anargyros Stavropoulos
	-Greek Education	Presbytera Eleni Alexopoulos
	-Finance/Stewardship/Total Commitment	Mr. Peter Arbes
	-Youth Ministries	Rev. Anastasios Bourantas/Rev. John Manuel Rev. Andrew Eugenis/Rev. Peter Zougras
	-Choir Federation (EFGOCM)	Mr. Paul Mavromihalis
4:00-5:00pm	-Clergy Syndesmos Meeting	
6:30pm	2017 GOMNJ CLERGY LAITY ASSEMBLY AND PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION GRAND BANQUET	

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

8:15am	Orthros at "The St. John Chrysostom" Chapel (Venetian)	
8:45am	Breakfast	
10:00am	ASSEMBLY RESUMES	
	-GOMNJ Parish Administration	Mr. Constantine Economides, Esq.
	-Religious Education	Rev. Anargyros Stavropoulos
	-Greek Education	Presbytera Eleni Alexopoulos
	-Youth Ministries	Youth Commissioners
	-Workshop Summaries	
	-Discussion (Open Forum)	
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch	
1:45pm	ASSEMBLY RESUMES	
	-Approval of Minutes of 2016 GOMNJ Clergy Laity Assembly	
	-GOMNJ Finance Report	Mr. James C. Fountas
	-Resolutions	Mr. Constantine Economides, Esq.
	-Old Business	
	-New Business	
	-General Discussion	

Closing Remarks, Prayer and Adjournment