



Council Information

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Location

All liturgical services and Council sessions will be held at the **Renaissance Orlando Resort Hotel** located at Sea World
 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821
 (407) 351-5555

Schedule

(Subject to change)

Sunday, July 21

9:30 AM Entrance of Hierarchs, Divine Liturgy
 2:00-11:00 PM Registration

Monday, July 22

7:30 AM Divine Liturgy
 10:30-12:30 PM Opening Session/ Address of the Metropolitan
 12:30-2:00 PM Luncheon Discussions
 2:00-3:30 PM Keynote Address
 4:00-6:00 PM Workshops on Keynote Address
 6:00 PM Vespers

Tuesday, July 23

7:30 AM Matins
 9:30-10:15 AM Report of the Chancellor
 10:30AM-12:30PM Workshops
 2:00-3:00 PM CWI Report and CWI 2
 4:00-5:30 PM Church Wide Focus Groups (Unit hearings)
 6:00 PM Vespers
 8:00 PM Public Presentation by Archbishop ANASTASIOS

Wednesday, July 24

7:30 AM Matins
 10:00-11:30 AM Office of Finance Report/Fair Share Presentation
 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Bible Study
 12:30-6:00 PM Open
 6:00 PM Vespers

Thursday, July 25

7:30 AM Divine Liturgy
 10:30AM-12:30 PM Workshops
 12:30-2:00 PM Luncheon Discussions
 2:00-3:00 PM Elections, Pension Plan Report, Statutes
 5:00 PM Vespers
 7:00 PM Grand Banquet

Friday, July 26

7:30 AM Matins
 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Closing Session

Council Composition

The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, Article III, Section 2, states that the composition of the All-American Council is composed of the following:

- the Metropolitan and all bishops of the Church
- the priests of each parish and an equal number of lay delegates
- priests not having parishes if accredited by the Metropolitan Council
- one lay delegate from each parish not having a priest
- the members and alternate members of the Metropolitan Council, and the members of the Auditing Committee of the Church
- two delegates from each theological seminary
- members of the Preconciliar Commission
- one representative of each Church organization officially accredited by the Holy Synod

Delegate/ Alternate Information

Article III, Section 6 of the Statute sets forth the following requirements for lay delegates and alternates to be validly elected, qualified, accredited. They must:

- be elected by a parish meeting
- be a member of the parish in good standing (cf. Art. X, Section 5), at least eighteen years of age, having received the Sacraments of Confession and Communion at least annually for the past three years at his/her home parish (like holders of all offices in the Church, he/she may not be a person under ecclesiastical interdict, who is in violation of moral standards, who is married outside the Church, who is a member of anti-Church and/or secret societies)
- be approved by the parish rector (or dean in the case of vacancy in the parish) to represent the parish

Once an alternate has been authorized to be a delegate, his/her status is non-transferrable.

Observer Information

- Only parishes sending delegates to the Council are allowed to nominate observers
- Parishes may nominate any number of observers
- Observers must be parish members in good standing and must meet the same ecclesiastical and moral requirements that are applied to delegates
- Observers must be endorsed by the parish rector and confirmed by the diocesan bishop in order to be registered at the All-American Council
- Observers must submit payment for the registration fee of \$100.00. The fee includes registration, a banquet ticket, preparatory materials and Council documents.

Registration Forms

The Preconciliar Commission has distributed registration forms to each parish and institution of the Orthodox Church in America. These forms must be fully completed and returned to the OCA Chancery by June 1, 2002. In completing the enclosed forms, please follow these steps:

- The Rector and/or Parish Council Secretary complete the enclosed clergy, delegate, observer registration form
- The Rector and Parish Council Secretary sign the form and affix the Parish Seal
- The delegate(s), alternate(s) and observer(s) read Statute Article III, Section 6 (listed above)
- The delegate(s), alternate(s), and observer(s) sign the registration form.
- The Rector and/or Parish Treasurer attach a check to cover additional delegate(s) (if applicable) and any observers
- The Registration Form and check are to be mailed to the OCA Chancery no later than June 1, 2002
- The official schedule will be distributed to clergy, delegates, and observers upon registration

Council Assessments

The Treasurer has distributed to parishes and institutions invoices for Council assessments. The Statute requires that each parish must be in compliance with its financial obligations to the Church in order to have lay representation at the Council.

Youth & Young Adult Activities

Activities will be provided during the All-American Council for the following age groups:

- Ages 7-12: My Church, Our Home. Registration Fee \$150.00
- Ages 13-17: My Church, Our Home. Registration Fee: \$150.00
- Ages 18+: Young-Adult Observer: My Church, Our Home. Registration Fee \$150.00 Participants in this category must register as regular observers; for qualifications and requirements see the Observer section above.

Information about the activities can be found on the enclosed flyer or by visiting our website at <http://yya.oca.org/13AAC>, *The Orthodox Church* newspaper, or by contacting Fr. Michael Anderson at the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: 516-922-0550; fax: 516-922-0954; email: youth@oca.org. Registration as a "Youth Observer" (ages 7-17) is required for eligibility to participate in any of the youth activities. Youths planning to participate in the activities must complete and return the youth observer form with a check for the appropriate registration fee by June 1, 2002. All registration forms received after June 1st will be subject to a \$50 late fee.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel accommodations are available at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at discounted Council room rates of \$103.00 plus tax (single or double) and are available three days before and after the Council. Reservations may be made using the hotel reservation form sent to all communities, or by telephone: (800) 326-6677.

Travel Information

FOS Tours & Travel, Jericho, New York, the official travel agency for the Thirteenth All-American Council (1-800-367-3450), has arranged price reductions for airline tickets with US Airways (Gold File #65162249), Delta (File # 186334A) and American Airlines (#A0472AD). A flyer is enclosed detailing these reductions as well as discounts for ground transportation.

City Information

Information about Orlando can be found in a special All-American Council forthcoming issue of *The Orthodox Church* newspaper and on the Council website: <http://aac.oca.org>

Arrival Information

From I-95: Follow I-95 to I-4 West, Exit 28 at SeaWorld/International Drive. Follow signs to SeaWorld. The resort is located across from SeaWorld.

From the Orlando International Airport: Take Highway 528 (Beeline Expressway) West to Exit 1. Turn left off exit. Proceed two traffic lights, turn right onto Sea Harbor Drive. The resort is 1/8 mile ahead on the right.

Airline Transportation: Mears Transportation Shuttle runs 24 hours a day between the airport and each of the hotels. Shuttles depart every 20 minutes. You may arrange for shuttle travel by going to the nearest Mears Transportation desk in the baggage claim areas of Orlando International Airport when you arrive. Their desks are located outside Delta, American and United baggage claim areas. One day prior to your return to the airport at the end of your stay, visit the transportation desk in the lobby of the hotel or call Mears transportation at 407-423-5566. We recommend you take advantage of discounted rates on Mears shuttle bus transportation between the airport and the hotel. FOS Travel & Tours has negotiated a \$4.00 discounted rate off the round-trip fare for use of this transportation mode.

Cab Service. There is a cab stand at the airport, located outside of the Baggage Claim area, or one of the stewards can call one for you. Service is provided 24 hours. Taxi service between the airport and the Renaissance Orlando Resort will cost approximately \$30 one way.