



# 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)

### Saturday, July 20

1:30-4:30 PM

Pre Council Workshops:

*Principles of Christian Leadership & Dealing with Challenging People*

*Music: A Blessed Ministry*

*FOCUS Education*

6:00-7:00 PM

Vespers followed by Confessions

### Sunday, July 21

9:30 AM

Entrance of Hierarchs and Vesting of Metropolitan

10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Breakfast for all children attending Council with Hierarchs

1:00-10:00 PM

Exhibit Hall

2:00-11:00 PM

Registration

6:00-7:00 PM

Vespers

8:30-10:30 PM

Welcome Reception for all Council Participants

10:00 PM

Confessions

### Monday, July 22

7:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:45 AM-1:00 PM

**Plenary I** - Opening Session/Address of the Metropolitan

1:00-3:00 PM

Lunch

3:00-6:00 PM

**Plenary II** - Nominations and Election of new Metropolitan

**(Promptly)**

Service of Thanksgiving and Greeting of new Metropolitan

6:00-8:00 PM

Dinner Break

8:00 PM

Vespers followed by Listed Receptions

### Tuesday, July 23

7:30 AM

Matins

9:45-1:00 PM

**Plenary III** - Getting the Most Out of the Council;

Report of the Chancellor; Parish Profile Overview;

Keynote Presentation

1:00-2:15 PM

Luncheon Discussions:

*Sharing Thoughts in Faith after September 11th*

*Mission Parishes: Sharing the Successes and the Struggles*

*"Stand Still!" "Shh!" "Stop That!" Helping Children Develop*

*Appropriate Behavior in Church*

*College Graduates: Finding a Place in Parish Life*

*Life as a Caregiver - Ways the Parish Can Provide Support*

*Visualizing Your Parish: The Role of Iconography in Personalizing Your Parish*

2:30-4:00 PM

Workshops on Council Theme:

*Positioning the 21st Century Parish to Fulfill the Orthodox Mission*

*Principles of Christian Leadership*

*Strategic Parish Planning*

*Come, Let Us Worship: From Right Worship to Good Works:*

*Integrating Immigrants in the OCA*

*Parish Profile 2002: Implications and Challenges*

4:30-5:30 PM

Church-wide Focus Forums and Pension Information Session

6:00 PM

Vespers

<p>8:30-9:30 PM 9:30-11:00 PM</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 24</b></p> <p>7:30 AM 9:30AM-1:00 PM</p> <p>1:00-2:15 PM</p> <p>1:00-2:15 PM 2:30-4:30 PM 8:00 PM 9:00 PM</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 25</b></p> <p>7:30 AM 10:00-11:00 AM 11:00AM-12:30 PM</p> <p>12:30-1:45 PM</p> <p>2:00-4:00 PM</p> <p>5:00 PM 6:00-7:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM <i>(Promptly)</i></p> <p><b>Friday, July 26</b></p> <p>7:30 AM 8:30-9:30 AM 8:30-9:30 AM</p> <p>10:00 AM-12:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Plenary IV</b> - "Property Held In Trust" Discussion FOS Reception</p> <p>Matins <b>Plenary V</b> - The Bible and Parish Life; Nominations to Church-wide Positions; Church-wide Initiatives Report; Office of Finance Report/Fair Share Presentation Luncheon Discussions <i>Living Your Faith in the Workplace</i> <i>Reaching Out to Our Parish Elderly</i> <i>Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America: Serving the Church Through Fellowship and Outreach</i> <i>Adjusting to Life Without One's Spouse: How the Parish Can Help Trauma Survivors: Healing the Brokenhearted</i></p> <p>Joint Luncheon Meeting, Holy Synod and Metropolitan Council Discussion: Liturgical Music in the OCA Vespers and Litia followed by Confessions Information Forums (IOCC, OCMC, Mexican Exarchate Project Alaska, Project Mexico)</p> <p>Divine Liturgy Clergy Wives Breakfast with Holy Synod of Bishops Workshops: <i>Dealing with Challenging People</i> <i>Implementing Bible Study in the Parish Learning Model</i> <i>Music: A Blessed Ministry</i> <i>The Learning Centered Parish</i> <i>Youth (Not An Optional) Ministry</i></p> <p>Luncheon Discussions: <i>Orthodox Involved in New Opportunities for Outreach</i> <i>Raising Children in the North American Culture</i> <i>Working with the FOCUS Education Curriculum: Sharing Tips, Experiences, Ideas for the Future</i> <i>OCA Youth Movement: Deanery Based Youth Ministry Efforts, What it is. What it is not.</i> <i>Accompanying the Dying: Medical Heroics or Palliative Care?</i></p> <p><b>Plenary VI</b> - Elections; Timely Topic Presentation: <i>Ecumenical Issues and Orthodoxy in North America</i></p> <p>Vespers Grand Banquet Reception Grand Banquet <i>Doors Open</i> Grand Banquet</p> <p>Matins Continental Breakfast for Lay Observers Breakfast/Presentation for Clergy Delegates/Clergy Observers with Archbishop DEMETRIOS (Greek Archdiocese), Breakfast/Presentation for Lay Delegates with Bishop BASIL (Antiochian Archdiocese)</p> <p><b>Plenary VII</b> - Closing Session: Youth &amp; Young Adult Presentation; Resolutions; End Notes; Closing Business &amp; Remarks; Closing Prayer &amp; Installation of Newly-Elected to Church-wide Positions</p>
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