

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA ARCHANGEL MICHAEL FEAST & HONORS

GUIDELINES FOR OUR PARISHES TO FOLLOW REGARDING THE SELECTION OF HONOREES

1. Each Parish/Cathedral shall annually select **TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THEIR PARISH COMMUNITY TO RECEIVE THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL HONORS**. *In selecting honorees, please consider those living parishioners who would be both willing and able to attend and participate since being present for the honors weekend has proven to be very inspiring and memorable.*

Note: *To clarify further, two (2) honorees mean just two persons—for example, naming a husband and wife as one (1) honoree would not be appropriate because a husband and wife are two different persons. Further, brothers/sisters or twins would be considered two or more persons and likewise be inappropriate. In instances where husband/wife or brother/sister relationships are close ties, select one person for this year and set aside the other person for next year. Again, each Parish/Cathedral Priest is to select only two (2) persons total.*

2. **HONOREES** shall be chosen by the Parish Priest following his consultations with each of the following groups: the Parish Council, Philoptochos Society, and Youth Groups.
3. **HONOREES** must be living Parish Members, who exemplify the true Orthodox Christian way of life by their deep faith, commitment, dedication and service to the Church and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on their respective Parish level. Before selecting honorees, we suggest a prayerful reflection on the following references:

“Well done, good and faithful servant: You have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” (Matthew 25:21)

“The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his or her life and activities, to seek personal spiritual growth, to attend the Divine Liturgy and other Services of Worship faithfully on Sundays and Holy Days, to keep the rules and fasts of the Orthodox Tradition, to receive frequently the Sacraments of Penance of Holy Communion, to train and teach the young according to the Faith and spirit of Orthodoxy, to respect the Clergy, the Ecclesiastical Authority and all governing bodies of the Church to be obedient in matters of Faith and Ecclesiastical Order, and to cooperate in every way towards the welfare and prosperity of the Parish and the success of its sacred mission.” (Archdiocese Uniform Parish Regulations, Article V, Section 6)

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, Serve the Lord.” (Romans 12:9-11)

4. Selected honorees must submit a full color photograph (portrait style), complete a brief follow-up questionnaire, and provide a personal quote to be included in the commemorative booklet. The Metropolis of Atlanta will request this information after their selection is announced to the Metropolis Office.