

ORTHODOX CLERGY ASSOCIATION OF THE GREATER TORONTO AREA

CONSTITUTION

Adopted 1 June 2018

I. Name and Purposes of the Association

1. The Orthodox Clergy Association of the Greater Toronto Area (hereafter: “the Association”), established with the blessing of the Canadian Conference of Orthodox Bishops, is an independent, not-for-profit, voluntary organization of ordained clergy serving in canonical dioceses of the Eastern Orthodox Church and assigned to parishes and church institutions in Toronto, Ontario and surrounding regions.

2. The Association is established to:

- a) To unite and provide regular collegial opportunities for Eastern Orthodox clergy to come together to address areas of mutual interest and concern regarding the advancement of religion in the teaching and preaching of the religious tenets, doctrines, and observances associated with the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith.
- b) To support collaborative Eastern Orthodox Christian outreach and mission activities, religious programmes, music and educational initiatives throughout the greater Toronto area.
- c) To coordinate and host pan-Orthodox worship services conducted in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith.

II. Membership

1. The Association shall include and represent as Members all ordained Eastern Orthodox Christian presbyters and deacons serving in canonical dioceses of the Eastern Orthodox Church—as determined by the Canadian Conference of Orthodox Bishops (see Appendix)—and assigned to parishes and church institutions in the City of Toronto, Ontario and the surrounding Regions of Durham, Halton, Peel, and York.
2. Dues-Paying Members shall be all those Members of the Association who have paid to the Treasurer of the Association the required annual dues. Only Dues-Paying Members of the Association shall be entitled to vote in the election of

Executive Committee Members, to serve on the Executive Committee of the Association, and to approve any amendment to this constitution.

3. The Membership Year for the payment of dues shall be 1 June to 31 May.
4. Associate Membership may be accorded by the Executive Committee to other individuals who serve in related roles within the Eastern Orthodox Church in the greater Toronto area—including monastics, seminarians, or those serving in minor orders—or to presbyters or deacons assigned to churches or institutions outside the City of Toronto and its surrounding regions. Associate Members may attend meetings but are not eligible to vote or to serve on the Executive Committee.
5. All bishops of the Canadian Conference of Orthodox Bishops who have under their authority parishes or other church institutions and serving clergy in the City of Toronto and surrounding regions shall be accorded *ex officio* Episcopal Membership in the Association and are entitled to attend all meetings of the Association. The senior Episcopal Member attending a meeting of the Association shall preside in honour over the meeting.

III. Executive Committee and Officers

1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of six members. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected from among Dues-Paying Members of the Association for two-year terms of office, and terms shall be staggered to allow for the election or re-election of three members of the Executive Committee at each Annual Meeting. A vacancy on the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee, with the appointee serving until the next Annual Meeting, when the position will be filled by election for the remainder of its original term.
2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four (4) times each fiscal year.
3. The Executive Committee shall select annually from among its members three Officers: President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
4. The President shall be the presiding officer and chair of the Committee. The President may appoint committees, as occasion and necessity may require, to plan special programmes and to undertake other initiatives to further the aims of the Association.
5. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining Association Membership and Meeting Records and for managing communication from the Executive

Committee to the Members of the Association and to others, as specified by the Executive Committee from time to time.

6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for those matters specified in Section V.

IV. Annual and Special Meetings

1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association at which Executive Committee members shall be elected, the schedule of Association Dues and the Budget for the coming year shall be approved, and programmes shall be developed and evaluated. The Meeting may include any other business that the Executive Committee deems necessary.
2. The Annual Meeting shall be held no earlier than 1 June and no later than 31 July each year. Notice of this Annual Meeting shall be at least 30 days in advance of the appointed date and shall be communicated in writing or electronically to all Members of the Association. A Quorum at the Annual Meeting shall be all Members in attendance, following specified notice of the Meeting.
3. The Executive Committee may call Special Meetings of the Association. Notice of any Special Meeting shall be at least 30 days in advance of the appointed date, and shall be communicated in writing or electronically to all Members. Special Meetings may undertake any business of the Association except the election of Executive Committee Members. A quorum at any Special Meeting of the Association shall be all Members in attendance, following specified notice of the Meeting.

V. Financial Provisions

1. The Treasurer of the Association shall be responsible to maintain a bank account for the deposit of dues and other contributions, and for the payment of authorized expenses. All three Officers of the Association shall be listed on the Signature Card of the bank account. The Treasurer shall make a Financial Report of all deposits, expenditures, and account balances, to the Executive Committee at each Committee meeting.
2. Three Members of the Executive Committee, not to include the President, Secretary, or Treasurer, shall constitute an Audit Committee, and shall annually review and certify the Treasurer's financial records.
3. At the Annual Meeting the Treasurer shall present a Financial Report, a proposed Dues Schedule for the following Membership Year, and a proposed

Budget, as approved by the Executive Committee, to be adopted by the Association.

4. The Fiscal Year of the Association shall be 1 June to 31 May.

VI. Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association by two-thirds majority of those members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed change and text of the amendment have been circulated by mail to every member at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual Meeting in which the proposed amendment is to be presented.

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