

Welcome to the 21st All– American Council

July 14-18, 2025



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His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All American and Canada



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Opening Declaration and Call to Order

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Council Teams & Vice Chairs

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino
Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America



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Committees Established by the PCC

According to Article III, Section 5.b of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, the Preconciliar Commission shall “Establish such committees as may be necessary for the proper operation of the All-American Council, such as a local functioning committee, a resolutions committee, a credentials committee, and a translations committee.”



Council Credentials

- *Collection and reporting of delegates' credentials*
- Priest John Cox, Diocese of the South CHAIR
- Priest Gabriel Bilas, Bulgarian Diocese
- Priest Joshua Trant, Diocese of the South
- Priest Phillip Beiner, Diocese of New England
- Priest Peter Runyon, Diocese of the West
- Jane Cessna, Archdiocese of Washington
- Sara Cattell, Diocese of the South
- Barry Migyanko, Stavropegial Institutions
CONSULTANT

Council Nominations

- *Collecting nominations for Church-wide positions*
- Priest David Bozeman, Diocese of the South
CHAIR
- Priest Andrew Nelko, Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania
- Ray Steeb, Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania
- Lori Kochan, Diocese of the Midwest
- David Lane, Diocese of the West
- Kevin Fritts, Archdiocese of Washington

Council Tellers

- *Counting and tallying votes*
- Archpriest Sean Levine, Military Chaplains CHAIR
- Priest Seth Earl, Diocese of the South
- Priest Simeon Johnson, Diocese of Alaska
- Priest Innocent Neal, Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania
- Deacon Matthew Prentice, Archdiocese of Washington
- Katia Vansuch, Diocese of New York & New Jersey
- Mka Danielle Ilchuk, Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania
- Subdeacon Jeremy Pletnikoff, Diocese of Alaska
- David Zavednak, Diocese of New England
- Gregory Honshul, Archdiocese of Washington

Council Resolutions

- Collecting Resolutions from the floor
 - Archbishop Timothy Sawchak, Diocese of the Midwest
CHAIR
 - Archbishop John Hopko, Diocese of New England
 - Archbishop Victor Gorodenchuk, Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania
 - Anna Miller, Archdiocese of Canada
 - Mka Sophia Sokolov, Diocese of the West
 - James Class, Archdiocese of Washington
 - Gust Mecera, Diocese of the South

Council Press and Information

- *Publishing and liaisons to the press*
- Priest Kyle Parrott, Archdiocese of Canada CHAIR
- Archpriest John Parsells, Archdiocese of Washington
- Archpriest Joseph Lucas, Diocese of the South
- Archpriest Justin Patterson, Diocese of the South

Council Parliamentarian

- Mr. Joe Neglia, PRP
- Professional Registered Parliamentarian, certified by the National Association of Parliamentarians
- President, Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians
- Proprietor, Practical Roberts Rules LLC
- Extensive experience since 2017 as a parliamentarian, floor parliamentarian, presider, bylaws consultant, standing rules consultant, and teacher of parliamentary practice

Council Secretariat (proposed)

- *Recording and Preparing Plenary Session Minutes*
- Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Archdiocese of Washington CHAIR
- Archpriest David Cowan, Diocese of New York and New Jersey
- Priest Andrew Smith, Diocese of the West
- Priest John Thetford, Diocese of the Midwest
- Alexis Liberovsky, Stavropegial Institutions
- Elizabeth (Lisa) Mikhalevsky, Archdiocese of Washington

Council Clergy and Lay Vice Chairs

Archpriest Andrew Jarmus (BUL)

Ms. Hollie Benton (DMW)



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Acceptance of Council Agenda

Council Vice-Chairpersons



Welcome from the hosting Diocese

His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop of San Francisco and the West



Welcome from the Local Committee

Deacon John Weiss

Lydia Osolinsky



Welcome from the Mayor of Phoenix

Mr. Michael Pissos
Community Relations Coordinator



Credentials Committee

Priest John Cox, Diocese of the South
CHAIR



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Primalial Address

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Housekeeping

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino
Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America

Protodeacon Peter Ilchuk
21st All-American Council Manager



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Divine Liturgy (Stavropegial Clergy) Tomorrow at 7:00 AM

Plenary Session II
Tomorrow at 10:30 AM
Arizona Grand Ballroom



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