

**ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PARISH BY-LAWS  
ADOPTED APRIL 29, 2001**

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The Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church of Campbell, Ohio is a parish of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America under the guidance of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh. Its governing rules are the Uniform Parish Regulations (UPR) of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. These parish by-laws are meant to be a supplement to the UPR in order to meet the local needs of the parish. In matters when the two may conflict, the UPR of the Archdiocese shall govern.

**Parishioners:**

1. In the UPR (Article V, Section 1), the definition of a parishioner is outlined. In regard to the financial obligation of a parishioner, the stewardship obligation for a given year is:
  - a. Family: minimum of \$150 per adult
  - b. Individual (18 years old and over & self-supporting): minimum of \$150
  - c. Retirees (65 & over)/Disabled/Widowers: minimum of \$75
2. No voting by proxy or by absentee ballots is permitted in parish council meetings, in parish council elections, or at parish general assemblies.

**Parish Council:**

1. The parish council shall consist of 15 members, each elected to a two-year term beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> following parish council elections.
2. No more than one member of the same household can serve on the parish council during the same term.
3. No parish council member can be compensated for any service offered on behalf of the parish.
4. The parish council president and/or priest is permitted to spend up to (or be reimbursed) \$1,000 on a single transaction on behalf of the parish, without the authorization of the parish council.
5. The parish council is permitted to spend up to \$10,000 on a single transaction on behalf of the parish, without the authorization of the general assembly (except in the case of a real and present emergency arising in connection with the operation and maintenance of the parish).
6. For any contract over \$5,000, a good faith effort to secure three (3) written bids must be obtained before a decision is reached and a vote taken.

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**General Assembly:**

1. Fifty (50) members of good standing shall constitute a quorum for a general assembly meeting.
2. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at a parish general assembly, a member must have met their Stewardship commitment.
  - a. For a general assembly that meets between January - June, a member must fulfill their stewardship commitment from the previous calendar year.
  - b. For a general assembly that meets between July - December, a member must fulfill one-half their stewardship commitment for the current year.
3. A motion (and vote) can only be made on an item that is on the agenda for a general assembly.

**Parish Elections:**

1. On the day of parish council elections, the voting period begins after Divine Liturgy and ends at 3PM.

**Amendments/Revisions of Parish By-Laws**

1. Deletions or additions to these parish by-laws shall be amended by the general assembly upon motion by the parish council. All amendments must be approved by the diocesan bishop.