

St. Michael Orthodox Christian Church

690 N. 15th & North Street Beaumont, TX 77702
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October 15, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings be upon you all!

This letter is to notify you of the upcoming General Parish Meeting scheduled for November 15th, 2026 immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The election of Parish Council positions and other reports will be presented at this time.

Below is a list of eligible parishioners who have been nominated and have agreed to run for the Parish Council. Eligibility is determined according to the Constitution of St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church. If there is a question pertaining to your eligibility, please notify Fr. Michael.

According to the Constitution of St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church, parishioners eligible to vote are described in Article III Section 2 of the Constitution regarding membership:

Voting membership consists of Orthodox Christians who:

are in good canonical standing;
who accept, profess, and practice the Church faith and discipline;
are at least 18 years of age;
who subscribe to the temporal maintenance of the church through payment of such as contributions, pledges, dues (annually), and
contribute to the "The Church" as prescribed by the Parish Council needs.

The current eligible members of the congregation that have accepted nomination are:

1. **Natalia Stump** 2. **Benjamin McKee** 3. **Chris Megas** 4. **Joseph Sudderth**

The Parish Priest may name up to two (2) appointees for one year term, to serve as representative members of the Council in addition to those 2 elected from the 4 people running.



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Please use the enclosed nomination form if you wish to nominate eligible members of the church in good standing to run in the Parish Council election. You may nominate up two (2) individuals on the form and you must return your nomination form on or prior to OCTOBER 29, 2026 to Fr. Michael's office in order that all nominees can be contacted as potential candidates and to confirm their acceptance. Voting for the candidates who accept the nomination will take place at the General Parish Meeting, Sunday, November 15, 2026 following Divine Liturgy which will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Parish members who wish to cast their vote must be present at the meeting or may vote by proxy by turning in their *sealed* proxy vote to Fr. Michael at least one day before the meeting. Two (2) new members will be elected by the voting membership.

We encourage our parishioners "of good repute, full of the Spirit of wisdom" (Acts 6:3) to exercise your privilege in the life of our Holy Church. All members of the parish and those of the Parish Council are co-workers in the sacred task of administering the operational affairs of Christ's Holy Church. These responsibilities are serious, as they are a service to Christ. The position of being on the Parish Council is not to be taken lightly, or use for personal gain or opposition but only to the glory of Christ and His Holy Church.

Patrick Dew, Michael Edd and Will Cross are overseeing the nominating committee. Should you have any questions, please contact Father Michael at the church office or the chairman of the Parish Council.

Your servants in Christ,

Fr. Michael Pavez +
V. Rev. Fr. Michael Pavez
Pastor

Michael Edd
Michael Edd
Parish Council Chairman

Nominating Form

Please note two (2) blank are available for you to use to submit the names of possible candidates to run for the Parish Council. This form must be received by October 29th, 2026 in the Church office. This form **is not a vote**; it is only **a nomination form**. We encourage you to come to the meeting to cast your vote in person at the general meeting on November 15th, 2026.

You may nominate up to two (2) individuals (This is not a vote Ballot, this is a nomination of a person other than the 4 already nominated)

1) _____

2) _____

And the disciples were first called Christian in Antioch. (Acts 11:26)