



SECTION IV

OUR PARISH COUNCILS

PARISH COUNCILS OF TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST CHURCH

The Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council is an elected body of laypeople serving alongside the parish priest to manage the administrative, financial, legal and ministry affairs of the church. As a "ministry of the church," members must be in good standing and be active in the worship and sacramental life of the Church. The Parish Council members act to support the parish's spiritual mission, under priestly guidance, focusing on stewardship, property, and community organization. The Priest is head of the Parish, and is charged with the guidance of the total Parish Council. The Parish Council consists of the Priest, and the elected lay members.

In the Oath of Office, the Parish Council members affirm that they "...will fulfill faithfully and sincerely the duties and obligations required of a member of the Parish Council...."



The duties of a Parish Council member include regular attendance at divine services and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, "...thereby setting an example for the parish." To serve on the council is a ministry and a mission. The best parish council members are those who are Church-oriented and Christ-centered. To be a good council member, one must be active in the worship and sacramental life of the Church.

From the very beginning, with the formation of its first community in 1926 with George Tsitseras as President, the Greek settlement in Corona was fortunate in that its leaders have always been individuals of outstanding attributes. As head of the community, the President carries tremendous responsibility and a variety of obligations. A community that steadily grows, moves ahead and makes a difference clearly reflects the quality of its leadership. The Community of Corona is a distinctive example of this interlinkage.



Father Tselentakis with the Parish Council 1956-1958



Parish Council 1959-1960





Parish Council 1961-1962



Parish Council 1963-1964



Parish Council 1965-1966



Parish Council 1967-1968



Parish Council 1969-1970



Parish Council 1971-1972



Parish Council 1973



Parish Council 1974



Parish Council 1975



Father Tselentakis and Father Jim Calogredes with the Parish Council in 1976



Parish Council 1977



Parish Council 1978-1979



Parish Council 1980



Parish Council 1981-1982



Parish Council 1983-1984



His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos with the Parish Council, in 1989



His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon with members of the Parish Council, in 1998



Father Cleopas with members of the Parish Council 2001-2003





Father George with members of the Parish Council, in 2011.

*Oath of Office, Parish
Council in 2016*





His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and Father Chrysostom with members of the Parish Council (2019-2021) at the opening of the Church on September 18, 2021 after the devastating fire.



*Oath of Office,
Parish Council
in 2023*



Father Chrysostom with members of the Parish Council in March 2023, honoring Mr. Apostolos D. Litsakis, past-President of Parish Council (1967-1968; 1976; 1991-1992).





His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, along with the District Chancellor Father Elias Villis, Father Chrysostom and Father Pedro with members of the Parish Council at the Service of the Akathyst Hymn in April 2024.



His Eminence Metropolitan Cleopas, Father Chrysostom and Father Pedro with past and current members of the Parish Council in November 2024.



*Oath of Office,
Parish Council in 2025*



*Oath of Office,
Parish Council in 2026*



Father Chrysostom with the Parish Council kicking off the Centennial Celebration year in 2026.



PRESIDENTS OF PARISH COUNCILS



George K. Tsitseras
1926



N. Georgakopoulos
1927



Dr. V. L. Vlachos
1928



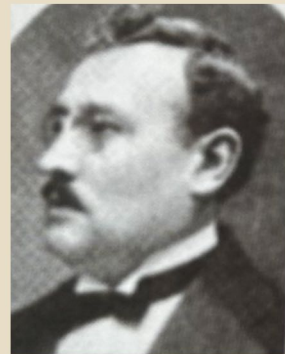
Angelo Poll
1929-1931



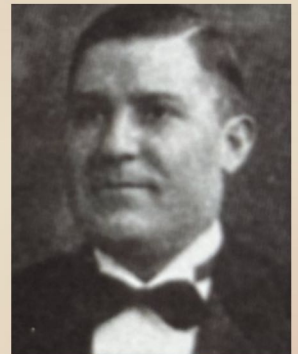
Nicholas Vassilaros
1930



Georgios Varvaritis
1931-1932



Panayiotis Pangalides
1934



Antonios Sofronos
1935



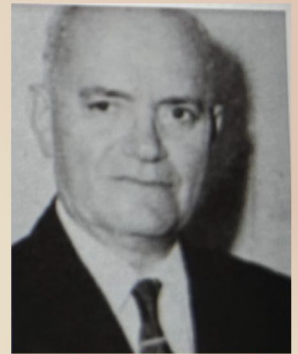
George Lantzounis
1936-1937; 1951; 1954



Demetrios Galanopoulos
1938; 1947



Peter Vergos
1943-1944



Stavros Em. Koumondouros
1945-1950; 1955-1958; 1961-1962



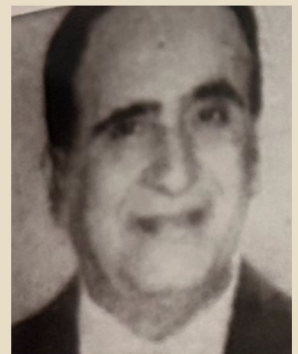
Jack Zarcadolas
1959-1960



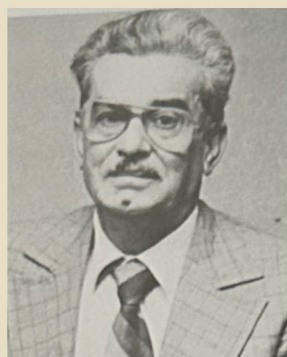
Chris Stratakis
1963-1964; 1988



Alex Harisiades
1965-1966; 1971-1972



Phillip Mastros
1969-1970



Theodore Saliaris
1973-1974; 1980-1981



Chris Vrettos
1975; 1998



Apostolos D. Litsakis
1967-1968; 1976; 1991-1992



Nick Kalogrias
1977



Paul Alexander
1978-1979



Nick Tarasis
1982



Emmanuel Markakis
1983-1984



Paul Kochilas
1985-1988



James Anthros
1989-1990



George Georgiades
1993-1994; 2003-2004



Peter Economou
1995-1997



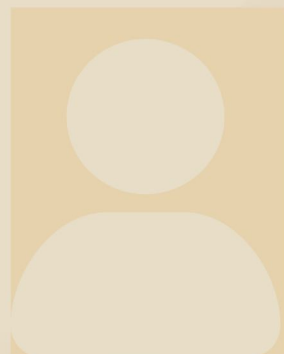
Theodore Boskinis
1998



James Psaltakis
1999-2000



Vasilios Livanos
2001-2003



**Gerasimos Matzoutzos &
Eleni Zanakis**
2005



Regina Papamitrou
2006-2010

TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST CENTENNIAL



Leonidas Korachais
2011-2013; 2017-2019



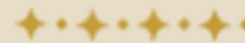
Penny Viennas
2014-2016



Anastasios Koularmanis
2019-2022

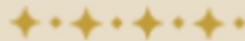


Loriann Bothos
2022-present



As we celebrate the 100 years since the founding of the Church of the Transfiguration of Christ with great joy, I am reflecting on the strong foundation on which our founders built our community and how it was continued by generations of faithful members. This is a moment to honor the past and to inspire us to work all together for an even brighter future. A heartfelt appreciation for Very Reverend Archimandrite Chrysostom Panos and all the previous clergy who have faithfully led and inspired our Transfiguration of Christ family. May the next 100 years be blessed with continued faith and unity. Congratulations for the centennial celebration!

Regina Papamitrou, past-President of Parish Council, 2006-2010



Celebrating 100 years of God's Grace, to this cherished Parish. It has endured because of the unwavering devotion of its parishioners, whose faith, like the stained glass windows, shines through every challenge and brings lasting beauty to our community.

Leonidas Korachais, past-President of Parish Council
2011-2013; 2017-2019

Με μεγάλη μου χαρά και συγκίνηση εορτάζω, μαζί με όλους μαζί τους ενορίτες και ενορίτισσες, τα 100 χρόνια της Εκκλησίας μας της Μεταμορφώσεως του Σωτήρος στην Κορώνα, ΝΥ, την οποία υπηρέτησα από διάφορες θέσεις ως Πρόεδρος, Γραμματέας και Ταμίας. Εύχομαι η Κοινότητα μας να εορτάσει και τα επόμενα 100 χρόνια, με την ίδια λαμπρότητα, και στο μέλλον.

Γεώργιος Γεωργιάδης, πρώην Πρόεδρος Εκκλησιαστικού Συμβουλίου, 1993-1994; 2003-2004



I was honored to be the president of the Parish Council back in 1963 and 1964 covering many more years before that as member and officer of the Parish Council. These were formative years as the church at the time needed some new blood. All I can say at this point is that the rest is history. All three of my children went to the Greek American School of the Transfiguration, and we served many years, my wife and I, in various capacities. 100 years later, unbelievable. The best is still ahead.

Chris Stratakis, past-President of Parish Council
1963-1964; 1988

«Η καρδιά και η μαυρομυρία σου είναι περὶ
 ποῦ τέ ἀφίωσε ὁ Θεὸς νὰ ἀφαι ἀνὸς ἐδῶ
 παρὶ σὰς, γιὰ νὰ εὐχαρίσῃς τὰ 100 χρόνια
 τῆς Εὐαγγελίας παρὶ ἡμεῖς οὐκ εὐχαριστησάμεθα
 γιὰ τὰ τελευταία 75 χρόνια.

Αφίωμα νὰ σὺντηρῇς τὴν κοινότητα σου, ἀνὸ
 οὐκ τῆς δέξῃς καὶ νὰ τὴν πρὶς εὐαγγελία
 νὰ γινεῖς εὐας υπέρβατος πᾶς.

Γιὰ νὰ εὐχαρίσῃς τὴν παροικία σου, ὁ Θεὸς παρὶ
 ἀφίωκε νὰ τὴν σὺντηρῇ, εὐας εὐαγγελιστὴς καὶ
 υπέρβατος πᾶς, ὁ πᾶς Χρυσόστομος.

Τὶ πρὶς σὺν καὶ πρὶς σὺν, γιὰ ὁ
 πᾶς Χρυσόστομος εἶναι "γέφυρα-δέξα" τῆς
 κοινότητας παρὶ.

Δὲς εὐχαρίστῃς γιὰ τὴν τιμὴν σου ποῦ σὺν
 καὶ εὐχόμῃς ὁ Θεὸς νὰ ἀφίωκῃ καὶ ἄλλους
 νὰ πρὶς τὴν κοινότητα σου.

Αποστόλος Λιτσακὺς



It is a great pleasure that I can be here today to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of our community. I was blessed to have the opportunity to serve my community in all positions, with love and respect. To celebrate the 100 year anniversary, we have been blessed to have a blessed priest, father Chrysostom Panos, who was born and raised in this community. I thank you for the honor and I wish that others will be blessed to feel the same and celebrate the next 100 years.

Apostolos Litsakis, past-President of Parish Council
 1967-1968; 1976; 1991-1992

The Transfiguration church has been very close to my heart. I spent 14 years on the council, four of which were president of this community, and I must tell you that we had a great board and a great number of people contributing to the growth of this community. We went through the fundraising to build a school. School succeeded for a number of years. Unfortunately, the community changed. A lot of people moved on to other facilities. I personally and my wife enjoyed our years in the Corona church. It was simply a wonderful experience that I believe everyone should have.

Alex Harisiades, past-President of Parish Council
1965-1966; 1971-1972

