

## Parish Council Installation

*At the end of the Divine Liturgy, following the singing of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” twice, the elected members of the Council assemble in the center (or front) of the church, where the Holy Gospel and Precious Cross are placed on a table. Together, the Council members say the following:*

Having been elected to the Parish Council of [*name of parish*], we hereby solemnly promise to Almighty God, before His Holy Gospel and Life-creating Cross, that we will zealously, honestly, voluntarily, and with diligence and the fear of God, fulfill the duties of our office according to the Holy Tradition of the Church, the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, and the by-laws of this parish, not for personal interest, but to the glory of God, the welfare of His Holy Church, and eternal salvation, remembering that for all of this we will give an answer before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

We promise to look after the cleanliness and adornment of the holy temple, and to uphold the pursuit of peace, tranquility, and Christian love among the brethren of this parish community.

In witness of this, my solemn promise, I kiss the Holy Gospel and Life-creating Cross of our Lord God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*The Council members now severally kiss the Gospel and the Cross, and receive the blessing of the Rector. (They may sign the Council form there, or they may do so immediately after the Liturgy.) The choir sing, “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” for the third time, and the Liturgy concludes in the usual manner.*