



Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate  
Diocese of New York & New England  
Virgin Mary & St. Pachomius Coptic Orthodox Church  
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### ***New Church Committee Election Process***

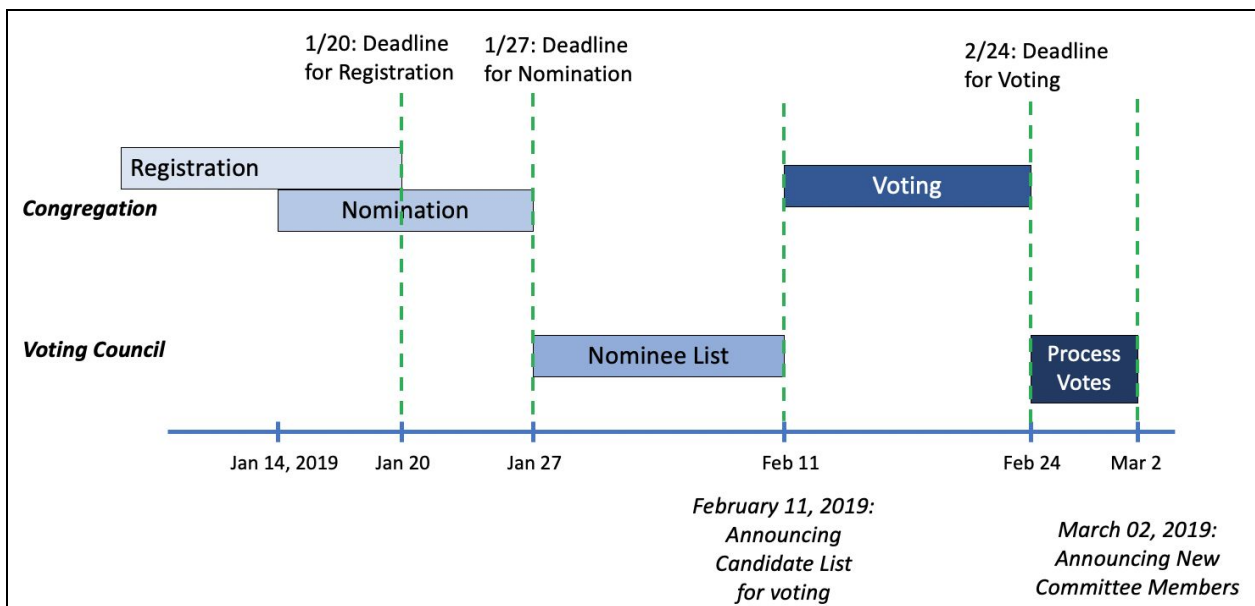
#### **Key Dates:**

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
	01/20/2019	Register as a member of the church at <a href="http://nynembership.org">nynembership.org</a>
01/14/2019	01/27/2019	Send your nominations to: <a href="mailto:boardelections@stpachomius.org">boardelections@stpachomius.org</a>
02/11/2019	02/24/2019	Send your votes
	03/02/2019	Final member list announced

#### **Details:**

- God willing, the new church committee will include 11 people in total, out of whom is
  - Father Jacob Ghaly
  - Father Yohanna Abadeer
  - Deacon Arsanious
  - 8 members of the congregation to be elected as per the outlined process that is in accordance with our church bylaws
- To participate in this election, you need to be registered as a member of our church.
  - If you haven't done so already, please register yourself on [nynembership.org](http://nynembership.org).
  - This is the same website and process that was used to register for HH Pope Tawadros II visit.
  - If you are already registered, then no need to register again
- There are two phases to this process, namely 1) Nomination, and 2) Voting
- Nomination Phase (January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 27<sup>st</sup>, 2019):
  - Nominate one or more persons, up to a maximum of 8, whom you trust and would like to see on our new church board. They have to be:
    - Active, spiritual members of the church
    - Above 21 years
  - Youth (21-35 years) and women nominees are encouraged!
- Voting Phase (February 11<sup>rd</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019):

- The voting council will by then have vetted the nominees with HG Bishop David, Fr. Jacob, and Fr. Yohanna. Furthermore, the council will have shortlisted the nominees and eliminated any nominees who are:
  - Less than 21 years
  - Received less than 7 nominations
  - Have indicated that they are not willing to serve
  - Are members of the current committee
  - Have a conflict, e.g. serving on other religious institution committees
- Vote for one or more persons, up to a maximum of 8, from the given list of nominees
- Again, youth (21-35 years) and women are encouraged!
- Finally, the voting council will sort the votes and announce the top 8, provided that they include at least one youth and one female member.
  - The elected members will be announced on or before March 2<sup>th</sup>, 2019, God willing!



**Voting Council:**

- Mounir Elghazaly
- Dr. Amaal Farag
- Laila Bichara

**Current Non-clergy Church Board Members**

- Amaal Farag
- Effat Samuel
- Laila Bichara
- Mounir Elghazaly
- Mounir Ibrahim
- Naguib Dawoud
- Nagy Awad
- Raouf Iskander
- Sameh Asaad