

Metropolis Highlights and Upcoming Events

- The Metropolis launched a new recognition program, the Spirit of Stewardship Awards, where each parish honors deserving stewards for their contributions of time, talent and resources. At three events in the fall of 2009, over 70 people were honored.
- National Oratorical Festival Winner for the Junior Division from the San Diego area. This is the second consecutive year a youth from the Metropolis of San Francisco has taken top honors.
- The Metropolis will offer a one-week Greek Village Immersion Camp at Saint Nicholas Ranch for elementary school-age youth. This program will focus on language instruction, Hellenic culture and history, dance, music and Greek customs and traditions.
- Parish Leadership Seminars are being offered throughout the Metropolis which are open to all people in leadership positions within their parish. This will be a day-long exploration of issues related to individual and parish renewal.
- Folk Dance and Choral Festival continues to draw strong attendance. Next year, FDF will celebrate its 35th Anniversary over President's Day Weekend.
- The second Clergy Couples' Wellness Retreat was held in late 2009 and provided priests and presbyteres with an in-depth program designed to strengthen their marriages through improved communication, focused time for prayer as individuals and as a family, and maintaining a healthy balance amongst the many demands on the time of our clergy. It is the hope of the Metropolis to make this an annual program.
- Metropolis Philoptochos continues to provide exemplary support to students and seminarians attending Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology through the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Seminarian/Student Aid Endowment Fund. Over 20 students from the Metropolis of San Francisco are presently enrolled at Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology.
- The Spiritual Renewal Ministry of the Metropolis has developed their own website and will offer interactive ways for our faithful to participate in future retreats offered at new locations within the Metropolis, continually exploring the experience of Christ, as found through forums that connect people in the 21st century.
- Renovations and upgrades at Saint Nicholas Ranch include remodeled lodge rooms, new athletic fields, and the restoration of the lake.

Your support of Faith Forward will supplement the important work of the ministries of the Metropolis of San Francisco and thereby spread the truth and beauty of our Orthodox faith.

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1

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Joining people together of Faith...
with Faith...for the future of our Faith.

Please join us!



Your support of the Metropolis helps to provide for the ministries which serve the needs of the faithful including: Youth Ministries, Family Wellness, Philoptochos, Religious Education, Missions and Evangelism, Church Music, and Greek Education and Culture.

“The just shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:17



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WITH FAITH AND LOVE, DRAW NEAR.*



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Beloved Faithful,

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”

I Corinthians 16:13

These words given to us by St. Paul were so relevant when he spoke to the Corinthians, and

this message is still significant in our lives today. Our world is changing, our economy is struggling, our morals are being challenged. The words of St. Paul are an encouragement – an inspiration – to us, so that we may be strong in the faith, and turn to the Lord for His help and guidance to overcome the adversities we face.

To be proactive and responsive as a Church to these challenges, the Metropolis of San Francisco is committed to providing the necessary resources to operate a Metropolis that truly ministers to its people – both clergy and laity. This can only be accomplished if the faithful of the Metropolis come forward and respond with faith and generosity.

The Faith Forward annual fund campaign is worthy of your support and consideration. This is a way for you to demonstrate your faith in God. God has given you an abundance of blessings, and this is just one way to show your love for Him and the Church. “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” Jude 20

May He who has enlightened our path with faith, also enlighten your heart to respond with faith.

With Love in Christ,

Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

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WITH FAITH WE MUST MOVE FORWARD.

TO MOVE FORWARD WE MUST HAVE FAITH.

Faith Forward is the Annual Fund Campaign of the Metropolis of San Francisco, designed to cultivate annual

“...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving for the faith of the gospel...” Philippians 1:27

stewards in support of the Metropolis and all that it offers to Her members. Covering the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, the Metropolis works diligently to provide



programs and resources for our dynamic family of Orthodox Christians. We must become responsible and proactive in



identifying support so that the Metropolis can realize its full potential in ministering to Her people.

You can be a partner in this vision by committing your annual gift to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco today. You will be the luminaries who will lead the way for others to share their gifts with God and His Holy Church.

“If you have faith as a mustard seed . . . nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20





As a demonstration of my faith, please accept this tax-deductible contribution for the Faith Forward Annual Fund Campaign:

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