



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

January 24, 2017

✠Saint Xenia, Deaconess of Rome

Beloved Clergy and Parish Councils of the Metropolis of San Francisco,

“...keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”
Ephesians 4:3

Each year the clergy and leaders of our parishes gather for our annual Clergy-Laity Assembly which provides us with the opportunity to learn and grow in our faith, gain new insights into the ministries and programs offered by our Metropolis, and take an active role in the governance of our Church.

The 2017 Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly will be held at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA, beginning on Wednesday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m. and concluding on Thursday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m. Our Metropolis Clergy are expected to remain at the Ranch for our Annual Clergy Retreat which will commence immediately following the Assembly and conclude on Friday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. As specified in the Uniform Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, each parish is expected to have four delegates in attendance at the Clergy-Laity Assembly, comprised of the following:

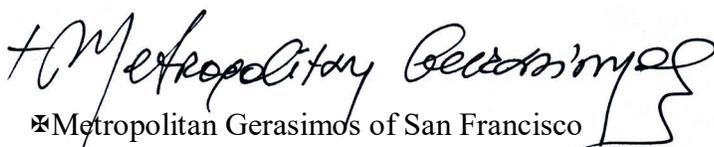
1. The Parish Priest.
2. The President of the Parish Council, and in his or her absence the Vice President, or in his or her absence any member of the Parish Council designated by it.
3. Two members of the Parish elected by the Parish Assembly.

Please make sure this important item is placed on the agenda of your upcoming Parish Assembly Meeting so that you may elect these delegates to ensure full participation from your parish. A detailed agenda and registration materials will be provided no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the Assembly.

This Assembly will explore the recent Holy and Great Council in Crete, its historical significance, and its impact on our future. We will also share information on the growth and expansion of our Metropolis Ministries which are flourishing thanks to the efforts of our Strategic Plan.

I look forward to the active participation of all our communities. Please come with an open mind and an open heart, ready and willing to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a beacon of God's love in your parishes.

With Love in Christ,


✠Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco