



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

January 7, 2019

✠Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist

Beloved in the Lord,

This year the clergy and lay leaders of the Metropolis of San Francisco will have the opportunity to come together at the 2019 Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly to be held March 4 – 5, 2019 at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, California. This annual gathering provides a forum for the leadership of all our communities to deliberate on important matters for our Metropolis and engage in dialogue and fellowship to enrich our common ministry. The Assembly will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

This year's Assembly will focus on Missions and Evangelism with the theme, *The Great Commission in the Parish*. The guest speaker will be Rev. Father Evan Armatas from Saint Spyridon Church in Loveland, CO. He is a dynamic clergyman and speaker who will share with us his insights into parish growth, outreach, and ministry development. The Assembly will also feature interactive workshops, other informative presentations, the annual review of the Metropolis finances, and the presentation and approval of the 2019 Metropolis Budget.

Online registration is now open and we are requesting **full representation** from each of our parishes which includes:

- The Parish Priest
- 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; and
- Two members of the Parish elected by the Parish Assembly.

Please review the agenda and register online today. **Your timely response is requested by Friday, February 8, 2019.** Please plan your schedules accordingly and 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.

Praying that the Lord will grant you His abundant blessings in the New Year and always, I remain,

With Love in Christ,

✠Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco