



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

November 18, 2011

✠Saint Plato the Great Martyr of Ancyra

Dear Reverend Clergy and Esteemed Parish Council Members,

"The more one is united to his neighbor the more he is united to God."
Saint Dorotheos of Gaza

Each year the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly affords us the opportunity to gather, as clergy and lay leaders, to share with you our progress, deliberate on important matters facing our Metropolis, and engage in dialogue and fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ. The 2012 Metropolis of San Francisco Clergy-Laity Assembly will convene at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, California, beginning on Monday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. and concluding by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17.

At our upcoming Assembly, we are fortunate to have two very dynamic individuals – Rev. Father Nicholas Triantafilou and Mr. Theo Nicolakis – who are generously sharing their time and expertise with us, and I know you will find their presentations uplifting and inspirational, while providing practical examples of ways your parish can work together to achieve greater things for God's glory! A detailed agenda is enclosed.

It is important that we have **full representation** from each of our parishes which includes:

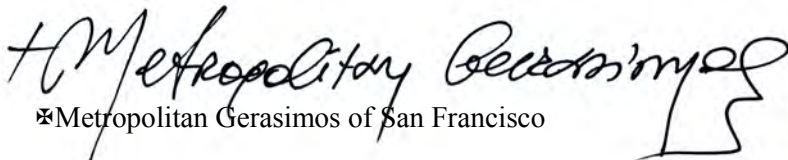
- The Parish Priest
- The President of the Parish Council, and in his or her absence the Vice President, or in his or her absence any member of the Parish Council designated by it; and
- Two members of the Parish elected by the Parish Assembly.

The Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly provides the opportunity for your voice to be heard. It gives our clergy and lay leaders the chance to better educate themselves regarding Church governance issues and makes them stronger and more effective in their respective parishes. It provides a forum that promotes Christian fellowship and the sharing of resources.

The complete registration materials are enclosed. **Your timely response is requested by December 30, 2011.** Please plan your schedules accordingly and plan to arrive promptly, coming with an open mind and heart, ready to learn and willing to share.

Praying that the Lord may grant you His infinite blessings along with His love, peace and mercy, I remain,

With Love in Christ,


✠Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco



CLERGY LAITY ASSEMBLY 2012

January 16 – 17, 2012

Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center – Dunlap, CA

WEAVING A TAPESTRY OF FAITH

*"The more one is united to his neighbor
the more he is united to God."*

Saint Dorotheos of Gaza

Monday, January 16, 2012

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| 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Registration for Clergy Laity Assembly | |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch (<i>for early arrivals</i>) | |
| 2:00 p.m. | Convening of Assembly | |
| | Opening Prayer Service | Metropolitan Gerasimos |
| | • Designation of Presiding Officer and Secretary | |
| | • Keynote Address | Metropolitan Gerasimos |
| 3:30 p.m. | Rev. Nicholas Triantafilou, President
Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology | |
| 5:00 p.m. | Vespers at the Monastery | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dinner | |
| 8:00 p.m. | Theo Nicolakis, Chief Information Officer
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Department of Internet Ministries and Information Technology | |
| 9:30 p.m. | Reception and Fellowship | |

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Tuesday, January 17, 2012

- 7:00 a.m.** **Feast Day of Saint Anthony**
Divine Liturgy and Seven-year Memorial for Metropolitan Anthony
- 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Continuation of Assembly**
- Approval of Minutes from 2010 Assembly
 - Report of Metropolis Council Fanis Economidis
 - Elections
 - Metropolis Council (8 Clergy, 8 Laity)
 - Archdiocesan Council (1 Clergy, 2 Laity)
 - Metropolis Financial Report
 - Review and Approval of Metropolis Budget
 - Submission of Resolutions for the
2012 Clergy-Laity Congress
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **2012 Clergy-Laity Congress**
- Adoption of Resolutions
 - Overview of Clergy-Laity Congress
July 1 – 5, 2012 – Phoenix, AZ
 - Review of Congress Schedule
 - Metropolis Responsibilities
 - Participation of parishes
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Assembly continues to conclude any further business, if needed
- 4:30 p.m.** Conclusion of Assembly

DEPARTURE OF ALL LAY DELEGATES

CLERGY RETREAT BEGINS



2012 CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Rec'd: _____

Payment: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Parish Name/City _____

☐ I will be arriving in time for lunch on Monday, January 16, 2012.

All registrants must select one of the packages below:

CLERGY: (must select one of the following; both include the Clergy-Laity Assembly and Clergy Retreat)

☐ \$250 Registration **with** Accommodations (includes meals and registration materials) \$ _____
I need accommodations for: ☐ Monday, January 16 ☐ Tuesday, January 17

☐ \$150 Registration **without** Accommodations (includes meals and registration materials) \$ _____

LAITY: (must select one of the following)

☐ \$200 Registration **with** Accommodations (includes meals and registration materials) \$ _____
I need accommodations for: ☐ Monday, January 16

☐ \$100 Registration **without** Accommodations (includes meals and registration materials) \$ _____

OPTIONAL FOR BOTH CLERGY AND LAITY

☐ \$25 Additional fee for ground transportation to/from Fresno (air, bus, train) \$ _____
Please fill out Transportation Form and send with payment

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

☐ Check Enclosed (payable to Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco)

☐ Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT NOTE

- Married couples are not guaranteed a private room and may be separated based on space availability.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Dec. 30, 2011

Please send completed registration form and payment to:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103
415.753.3075 Phone. 415.753.1165 Fax



2012 CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION FORM

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Rec'd: _____

Payment: \$ _____

If you are traveling to Fresno via airplane, bus or train and will need ground transportation to/from the Ranch, please complete all information below. A fee of \$25 is required and must be remitted along with your registration form by December 30, 2011.

Name _____

Cell Phone (day of travel) _____

I will be traveling to Fresno via:

☐ Airplane

☐ Bus

☐ Train

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Date of Arrival _____

Time of Arrival _____ a.m./p.m.

Airline _____ Flight # _____

City of Departure _____

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Date of Departure _____

Time of Departure _____ a.m./p.m.

Airline _____ Flight # _____