

# 2024 -2026 Elections



METROPOLIS OF  
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Archdiocesan Council  
Metropolis Council  
Audit Committee

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – CLERGY



## Rev. Fr. Andrew Barakos

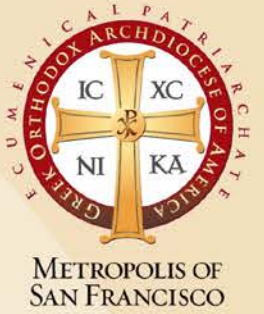
**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church - Scottsdale, AZ**

- Metropolis Council, 2008 – present
- Metropolis Southwest Regional Vicar
- Metropolis Missions and Evangelism Ministry Team
- Archdiocesan Council, 2020 - present

***Personal Statement:***

In-service to our church

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – CLERGY



## Rev. Fr. Niko Bekris

**Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church – Castro Valley, CA**

- Metropolis Council, 2022 – present
- Metropolis Youth Director 2008 - 2011

### ***Personal Statement:***

I am happy to offer any service to our Church that is needed, and hopefully set an example for others around me.



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – CLERGY



## Rev. Archdeacon Justin Bosl

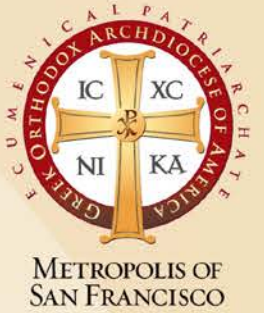
Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church – Castro Valley, CA  
Attorney

- Parish Council President
- Chanter
- Metropolis Council, 2022 - Present
- Metropolis Council Executive Committee, 2022 - Present
- Metropolis Council Legal Committee Chair
- St. Nicholas Ranch Board, 2018 - present
- Metropolis Archdeacon

**Personal Statement:** As a member of the Metropolis Executive Committee, Chair of the Legal Committee, and Vice President of the St. Nicholas Ranch Board, it has been very helpful to coordinate these various ministries and needs. I have greatly enjoyed serving the Metropolis in this manner. Now as Archdeacon, I have the privilege to travel throughout the Metropolis and observe the successes and challenges of our many parishes. I believe it would be beneficial to the Metropolis for me to continue in this role.



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – CLERGY



## Rev. Fr. Dean Kouldukis

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church – Seattle, WA**

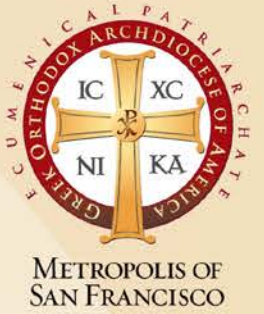
- Metropolis Council, 2016 - present
- Metropolis Northwest Regional Vicar

### ***Personal Statement:***

I want to continue my service on the Metropolis Council because I feel like I can make a difference in the continued development of the Faith Forward program in the state of Washington where I serve. I believe the foundation for the further development of the Faith Forward program is engagement, specifically, the encouragement of the implementation of the Metropolis ministries at the parish level. I believe this is one approach to a continued strong Metropolis which subsequently strengthens and serve the needs of our local parish communities unto the glory of our Lord.



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – CLERGY



## Rev. Fr. Peter Salmas

**Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church – Belmont, CA**

- Metropolis Northern California Regional Vicar
- Metropolis Arts and Architecture Committee Chair
- Metropolis Council, 2008 - present

### ***Personal Statement:***

To assist His Eminence and the Metropolis Council with the vision ministries.

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – CLERGY



## Rev. Fr. Panagiotis Sotiras

**Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church – Stockton, CA**

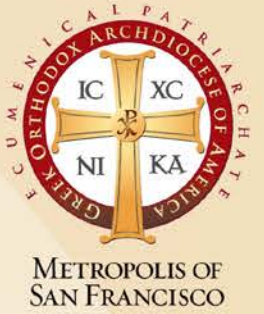
- Metropolis Council, 2020 - present
- Metropolis Youth Director, 2005-2008

### ***Personal Statement:***

Serving on the Metropolis Council is an honor and blessing. To be able to work with other outstanding leaders, both clergy and laity, in order to further the Gospel by strengthening our Metropolis ministries is a very fulfilling experience.



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – CLERGY



## Rev. Fr. Peter Stratos

**Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church – Pasadena, CA**

- Metropolis Council, 2008 - present
- Metropolis Regional Vicar in Los Angeles and Orange County

### ***Personal Statement:***

I have served on the Metropolis Council for 17 years. I am currently serving on the finance committee. Specifically working under chairman, Philippos Athanasiades with the Total Commitment and Pension Benefits Funding. I would like to continue to serve our Metropolis.



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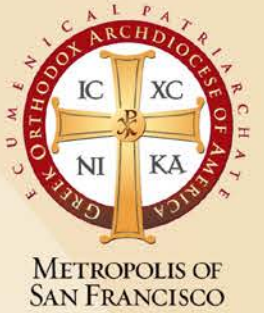
## Rev. Fr. Thomas Zaferes

Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral – Oakland, CA

- Metropolis Council, 2016 – present
- Metropolis Audit committee Chair

### ***Personal Statement:***

I want to continue the work started with the review process of the Metropolis finances.



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Theo Angelis

**Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church – Seattle, WA  
Attorney**

- Parish Council Members (6 years)
- Sunday School Teacher (6 years)
- St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival (parish – 4 years)
- Parish Endowment Board (10 years)
- Pro bono legal counsel to the Parish (10 years)
- Metropolis Counsel Observer, 2022 -present
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



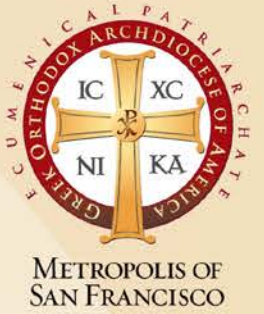
## Theo Angelis

**Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church – Seattle, WA  
Attorney**

I have two projects I would like to implement with the approval and assistance of the Metropolis Council. First, I hope to implement a program for reaching out to Greek Orthodox Christians who were married in the Church, or grew up in the Church, but have fallen away. This effort--the Domestic Orthodox Missionary Effort ("DOME")--will be challenging because the "Distantly Connected" are among the hardest to reach, but if they are welcomed back with love and compassion, my hope is that they will once again become active members of our communities. Second, I hope to assist all the parishes of the Metropolis in ensuring that they comply with state property tax exemption rules. Our parishes in Seattle faced potentially dire financial consequences because they were unaware of the rules that cause forfeiture of tax exempt status. I want to ensure that all our parishes are protected against this financial harm.



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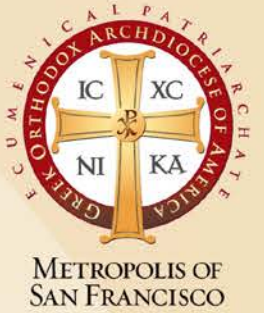


## Philippos Athanasiades

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral – San Francisco, CA**  
**Accountant – Director of Finance**

- Parish Council Treasurer 9 years
- Metropolis Chair of the Total Commitment and Pension Benefits Committee
- Metropolis Council, 2016 - present
- Metropolis Audit Committee member

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY

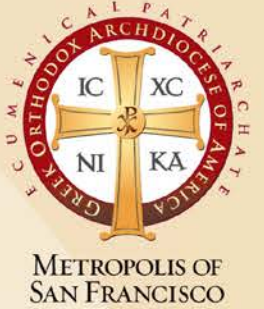


## Philippos Athanasiades

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral – San Francisco, CA  
Accountant – Director of Finance**

I would like to continue serving in the positions I currently serve. The experience I have gained while serving is of value to the Metropolis and our Parishes.

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Spiro Beckas

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church – Long Beach, CA**  
**Owner, Multi-Unit UPS Stores & Real Estate**

- Parish Council Member, 2016 - present
- FDF Dance Group Director
- Metropolis Council, 2012- present
- FDF Board of Trustees, Vice Chairman, 2009 – present



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY

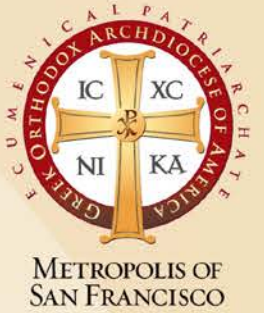


## Spiro Beckas

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church – Long Beach, CA**  
**Owner, Multi-Unit UPS Stores & Real Estate**

I am honored to express my interest in continuing to serve on the Metropolis Council. My passion for service stems from a genuine desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. I am committed to fostering positive change. Through my involvement in our Metropolis and Church ministries, including Chairman of FDF, I have honed my ability to listen to diverse perspectives, navigate complex challenges, and inspire others to action. I hope to be given the opportunity to serve on the Metropolis Council for another term. I look forward to continue working alongside fellow council members to implement innovative solutions, address pressing issues, and build a brighter future for our Metropolis. I am ready and eager to contribute my time, energy, and expertise to serving our community with integrity, passion, and dedication.

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Hon. Connie Contes

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral – Phoenix, AZ**

**Judge (retired), Maricopa County Superior Court, State of Arizona**

- Parish Council member, 2000-2002, and 2015-present
- Parish Council President 2017-2018
- Parish Council Vice President 2016, 2021-2024
- Philoptochos member
- Church School Teacher for high school students for at least 15 years
- Metropolis Council, 2020 – present
- Metropolis Council Secretary, 2022 - present
- Metropolis Missions and Evangelism Ministry Team, 2012 – present
- Parish Wedding coordinator, 1998-2000



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Hon. Connie Contes

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral – Phoenix, AZ**

**Judge (retired), Maricopa County Superior Court, State of Arizona**

In serving on Metropolis Council, my hope and vision is to use my skillset at least in the following ways:

- to support His Eminence and the ministries of the Metropolis to bring people closer to Christ,
- to aid and develop an Orthodox practice of evangelism and mission in our parishes and among our parishioners,
- to focus vital efforts in creating opportunities for youth, young adults, and families in the fabric of our Faith,
- to identify issues and resolve matters as they arise within the Metropolis with wisdom and discernment, and
- to enhance the presence of the Arizona parishes in the Metropolis.



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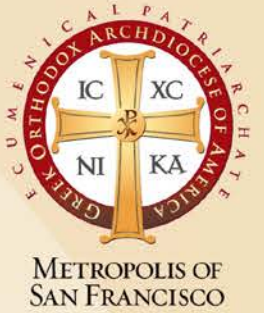


## Hon. Steven Counelis

**Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church - Anaheim, CA**  
**Superior Court Judge of the State of California, County of Riverside**

- Steward of Saint John the Baptist Church in Anaheim, with Wife Stacia and two children.
- Chair of Strategic Planning Committee at St. John the Baptist Church
- Lifelong church choir member
- Former High School Sunday School teacher at St. John the Baptist Church
- Former Parish Council member at Prophet Elias Church in San Bernardino; held offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
- Elected to Metropolis Council in 2016 and have served for last 8 years to present
- Advisor to the Metropolis YAL Conference Ministry since 2018
- Advisor to 2024 National YAL Conference.
- Appointed Regional Commander - Southern California, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
- Vice-Chair, Youth Participation Activities Committee, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
- Member, Archdiocesan Council Legal Committee

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY

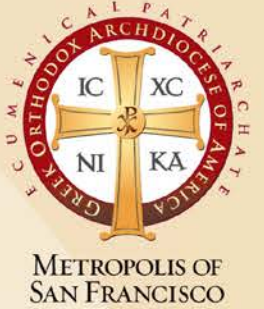


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**Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church - Anaheim, CA**  
**Superior Court Judge of the State of California, County of Riverside**

Serving on the Metropolis Council since 2016 has been a tremendous joy. During my first term, I and my wife, Stacia, proposed to Metropolitan Gerasimos that our Metropolis host the rebirth of the Young Adult League Conference. With His Eminence's blessing, we recruited dedicated young adult leadership to serve their peers by building a new ministry. We remain profoundly appreciative for the financial support by the Metropolis Council of this Ministry. Under the spiritual leadership of His Eminence, and the efforts of the Conference Committee, over 350 young adults attended the 2019 Metropolis of San Francisco YAL Conference in Long Beach during Labor Day Weekend. The Metropolis YAL Conference has ever since. Further, this Ministry inspired the entire Archdiocese subsequently to emulate us. The Metropolises of Chicago, Pittsburgh & Denver offered their own YAL Conferences, while three other Metropolises are planning their YAL Conferences. The National YAL Conferences in 2022 and 2024 are a reality because Archbishop Elpidophoros attended and was inspired by our 2019 Conference. Being re-elected will allow me to continue serving the Young Adults of our Church. I ask humbly for your support for a new term on the Metropolis Council. Thank you.

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## George Demos

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church – Long Beach, CA  
COO/Partner and Attorney at a top-20 Law Firm**

- Parish Council Member as President and Treasurer
- Choir Member and Greek Dance
- Metropolis Council, 2014-2022
- FDF Board of Trustees, Director of Endowment 2009 - present
- 2016 Metropolis Gala Chair
- Metropolis Strategic Plan Finance Committee Chair
- Metropolis Legal Committee Member
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



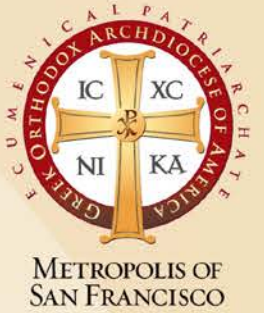
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“Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

I want to serve on the Metropolis Council to fulfill an essential aspect of a Christian life—to serve others.

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Chris Kalabokes

**Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church - Novato, CA**

**Senior executive and corporate officer in motion picture and wine industries. Vice President, Finance of Lucasfilm during several of the Star Wars movies. CEO of the largest grape grower cooperative in California. President of the Wine Division of Constellation Brands. Corporate officer for 15 years at Gallo leading the business development and global sourcing teams. Retired.**

- Parish Board of Auditors
- Parish Beyond 50 Strategic Planning Committee
- Metropolis Council, 2022 – present
- Metropolis Chair, Financial Procedures and Controls Chair, 2023
- Metropolis Audit Committee, 2022
- Metropolis Total Commitment Committee 2019-2023

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I am very interested in serving our Metropolis. My experience with financial matters provides me with the ability to make a difference in the preparation and analysis of our financial statements and results.



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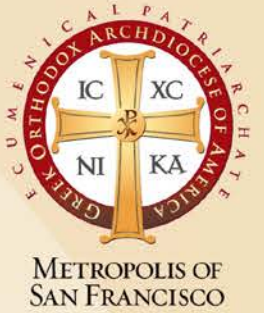


## Vasilios Marutsos

**Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church - Redondo Beach, CA  
Insurance Consultant**

- Parish Council Member at St Katherine Redondo Beach, 2015-Present
- Parish Council President, 2017 to 2023
- Member of the Finance, Capital Campaign, Planning, Beautification and Stewardship committees.
- St. Katherine Foundation member, 2017-2023.
- Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Irvine, CA - Missions and Evangelism committee member
- Metropolis Council 2018 – present
- Metropolis Insurance and Real Estate Committee Member
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Vasilios Marutsos

**Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church - Redondo Beach, CA  
Insurance Consultant**

As a current member of the Metropolis Council, I will continue to work with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, His Grace Bishop Ioannis the executive committee and colleagues of the Council to support and expand the mission of the Metropolis. I am available to put fourth my time, talent and treasure to support the long-term mission of the Metropolis as well as supporting our Clergy and member churches.

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## George Psefteas

**Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church - Castro Valley, CA**  
**Senior Manager, Corporate Tax Accounting at Chevron Corporation**  
**(Professional Accountant)**

- Parish Council – served 8 years holding the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer
- Chair, Building Project Steering Committee - 10 years to present
- Metropolis Finance Committee Chair
- 2023 Metropolis Gala Chair
- Metropolis Council, 2016 - present
- Archdiocesan Council
- Archdiocese Finance Committee Member
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate



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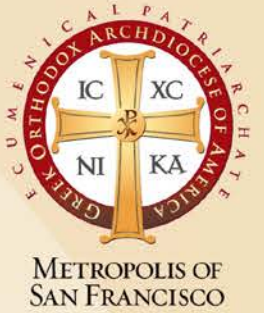


## George Psefteas

**Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church - Castro Valley, CA**  
**Senior Manager, Corporate Tax Accounting at Chevron Corporation**  
**(Professional Accountant)**

I have Served my Church at the parish level since my first day as an Acolyte 48 years ago and have served the parish level in various capacities throughout my life. I have served the Church at the Metropolis level for the past 6 years, and my Archdiocese for the past 5 years and I was recently invested as an Archon to serve the Mother Church. Whether formally elected or not, I view my service to our Church as a humble honor and personal responsibility to use my God-given talents to protect the faith and the Mother Church at all levels. More importantly, it is my responsibility to bring everyone closer to Christ as I journey myself to come closer to Christ.

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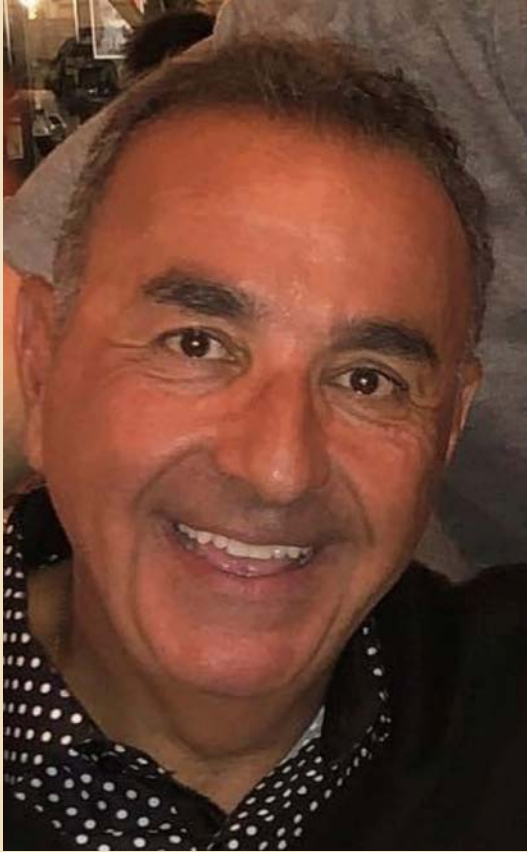


## George Psihogios

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Portland, OR**  
**Real Estate Broker, Manage a family Real Estate portfolio, Retail and Wholesale Liquor distribution.**

- Parish Council President
- Vice President of the American Hellenic Educational Center
- Fr. Elias Stephanopoulos Memorial Committee (present)
- Metropolis Insurance and Real Estate Committee Chair, 2008 – present
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## George Psihogios

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Portland, OR  
Real Estate Broker, Manage a family Real Estate portfolio, Retail and  
Wholesale Liquor distribution.**

I served the Metropolis of San Francisco for many years; I served as Chair of the Insurance Real Estate Committee my entire duration. My vision is to have a Metropolis wide set of standards for all Insurance and Real Estate needs.



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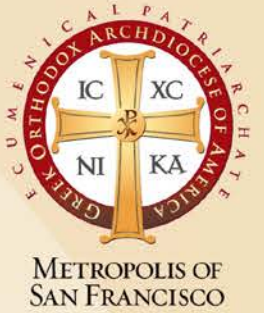


## Paul Sogotis

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral - San Francisco, CA**  
**Vessel Management and Ship Agent**

- Sunday School Teacher
- GOYA/YAL advisor
- Food Festival Chairman
- Parish Council member for 25+ years.
- Parish Council Chief of Protocol and Current President
- Metropolis Council member
- Metropolis Insurance and Real Estate Committee, 1996 – present
- Archdiocesan Council, 2006, 2022 - present
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; Regional Commander for San Francisco and Bay Area

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Paul Sogotis

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral - San Francisco, CA**  
**Vessel Management and Ship Agent**

I have served on the Metropolis Council for over 28 years in many capacities. First serving as the Metropolis liaison to the Archdiocese when we had the honor to receive His All-Holiness Patriarch Demetrios, of blessed memory and when His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew visited San Francisco and our Metropolis. I was appointed to the Archdiocesan Council by His Eminence Archbishop Dimitrios, former of America in 2006, and by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, serving currently. In 2008 I was chosen to be an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, given the offikion, “Orphanotrophos” and in 2022 was given the title of Regional Commander for the San Francisco and Bay Area Archons. As a lifelong member of the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco, I have served as Sunday School Teacher, GOYA/YAL advisor, Food Festival Chairmen, Parish Council member and now President of the Annunciation Cathedral, since 2022. I currently serve under the Metropolis Real Estate and Insurance Committee. Serving on the Metropolis of San Francisco Council has been an honor and I look to continue our work to build our Metropolis for the future.



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Dionysios Stefanopoulos

**Saint George Greek Orthodox Church - Fresno, CA**  
**Architecture**

- Parish Council President, 2017, 2022-present
- Metropolis Council Member, 2022- present





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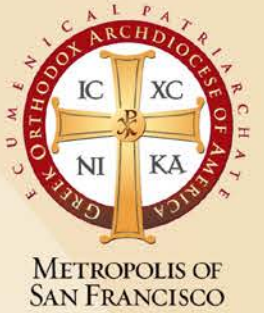


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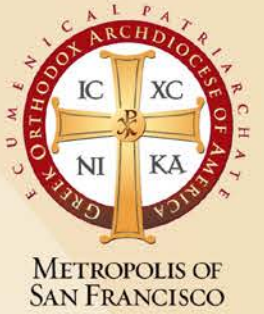
**Saint George Greek Orthodox Church - Fresno, CA**

**Architecture**

As I sit for my third presidential term on the St George Parish Council, I want to help our parish strive to do better each year. In 2017, we created the Strategic Plan VISION 100 (2018-2022) which created a roadmap to increase stewardships for St George. We succeeded beyond our goal and are currently renewing the Strategic Plan to represent the next five years of stewardship and ministries for our parish. We didn't do this alone. We had help and direction from our Metropolis Council Members and clergy who had the experience of other similar parishes. After finding this winning formula we will continue to seek the Metropolis Council's advice. As a Metropolis Council Member, I wish to participate as much as possible to help other growing communities in our Metropolis. I really love my profession in architecture and if I can contribute in rejuvenating, remodeling or curating the artistic works of our forefathers, to continue the traditions of our church, we can guide our children to continue our church traditions and liturgical history. I also love that I've been able to help rejuvenate the facades of St Nicholas Ranch and hope that my professional career and religious passion continue to meld together.



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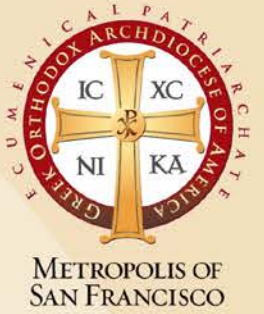


## Michael Syrengelas

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church - Long Beach, CA  
Commercial Real Estate**

- GOYA Basketball Coach
- Metropolis Council, 2012 – present
- Metropolis Council Treasurer,
- FDF Co-Chairman

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Michael Syrengelas

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church - Long Beach, CA  
Commercial Real Estate**

I have served the Metropolis Council for a number of years and I enjoy donating my time, talents and treasure to further the Metropolis' objectives and reach its goals.



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Dr. Eve Tibbs

**Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church - Irvine, CA**

**Former Software Engineer. Present Affiliate Professor of Theology (Fuller Theological Seminary). Adjunct Instructor of New Testament Greek (Athanasius and Cyril Theological School). Church School Superintendent, 30+ years**

- Choir Director, 2014 - Present
- Chanter, 2004 - present
- Bible Study Leader, 30 + years
- Metropolis Council Member, 2006 - present
- Christian Education Ministry Lead, 1996 - present
- Webmaster for SF Church Music, SF Oratorical, SF Religious Ed.

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Psalm 115/116:12: "What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me?" (Everything!) I am committed to continuing to humbly offer my energy, a logical and practical approach to decision-making, my technical and theological expertise, and an innovative spirit to contribute to the important work of the holy Metropolis of San Francisco.

# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## James Vorrises

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral - San Francisco, CA**  
**Financial Controller / Accountant**



- Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council (49 years, since 21 years old)
- Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council Executive Board (25 years)
- Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council Vice President (16 years)
- Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council Treasurer (16 years)
- Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council Assistant Treasurer (12 years)
- Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council - Several Other Committees (10 years)
- Annunciation Cathedral Choir Member (40 Years)
- GOYA Advisor (8 years)
- I was selected 1996 "Father of the Year"



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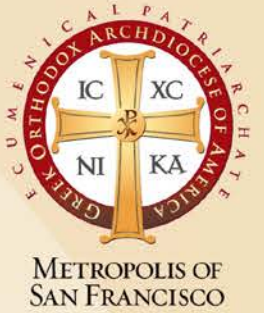
## James Vorrises

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral - San Francisco, CA  
Financial Controller / Accountant**

Most of my life has been involved in one way or another serving Annunciation Cathedral, and assuring that my family received & receive the Holy Sacraments: I have represented the Annunciation Cathedral at 5 National Clergy/Laity Congresses and 8 Metropolis Clergy/Laity. I stay updated on all Archdiocesan & Metropolis Council matters by reading as much as possible. I am thankful that our His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos is our leader because he is dynamic, thinks-outside the box, inspirational, and welcomes input from various members of the Metropolis. I hope to add my life experiences to address whatever matters that the Metropolis Council needs to act on.



# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Dr. Anna Yallourakis

**Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Los Angeles, CA**

**Dentist, Administrative Director of Surgical Specialty, Holston Medical Group**

- Parish Council President January 2021- January 2024
- Parish Council Vice President January 2019 - January 2021
- Parish Council Board 2012 - present
- Sunday School Teacher 2014 - 2018
- Oratorical Ministry Lead - 2014 - 2017
- Stewardship Ministry Lead, 2019 – 2021; we achieved some of the highest Stewardship Funds during these years.
- Associate member of the Metropolis Council, 2022 - present
- 2023 Metropolis Gala Media / Video Committee
- Attended Clergy-Laity Assembly meetings in person at Saint Nicholas Ranch.

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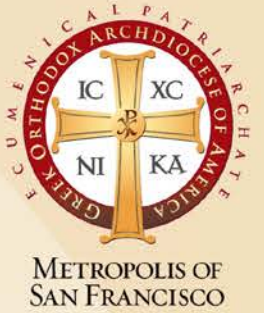
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**Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Los Angeles, CA**

**Dentist, Administrative Director of Surgical Specialty, Holston Medical Group**

During my tenure as President of Saint Sophia Cathedral my vision and work was to spread love and unity throughout the parish. As acting President in 2020, during the heart of COVID, my goal was to bring the entire congregation continually on campus. I set a plan of connecting with each Ministry Lead which led to our healthy ministry growth and our Community nights. During Covid we launched our Stewardship Campaign called Love Calls. Simply, calling our parishioners and connecting heart to heart. this manifested in tremendous response. Moving onward throughout my tenure and as we all gathered in full swing, my goal was to bridge our secular world to the spiritual world. I connected and built

bonds with the Consul General of Los Angeles, the Niarchos Foundation and the LA Greek Film Festival. Through our collaborations, we held events both at Saint Sophia and at the Niarchos Foundation. We premiered Saint Nektarios, we honored the 100 Years of Smyrna, gained a deeper understanding of Eleftherios Venizelos. . I wanted to give you a brief synopsis of my work and a foreshadowing of what I can bring to the Metropolis. Being on the Metropolis Council is by far a great honor. If selected, my plan is to humbly work under the guidance of Metropolitan Gerasimos alongside the Metropolis Council Members. I would love to continue to work together at the Metropolis bridging the bonds of our Greek Orthodox Diaspora to our Metropolis, Mother Church, and to our Mother Land.





# METROPOLIS COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY

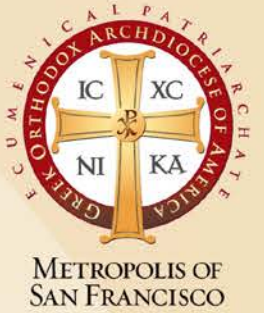


## Demosthenis Zeppos

**Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church - San Juan Capistrano, CA  
Attorney**

- Parish Council President, 2016-2022
- Parish Building Committee Co-Chair
- Current Parish Council Member and Executive Committee Member
- GOYA Basketball Coach
- Metropolis Council Observer, 2018 – present
- Metropolis Council Legal Committee

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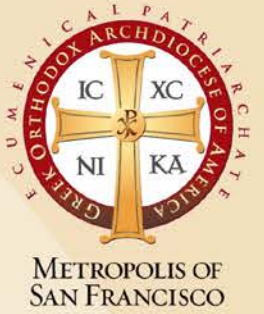


## Demosthenis Zeppos

**Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church - San Juan Capistrano, CA  
Attorney**

I enjoy the fellowship of working with other Orthodox Christians in our shared love for the growth of our church. I have also been blessed to have the opportunity to be part of St. Basil's effort to acquire land and building acquisition and permanent home in San Juan Capistrano. This experience enabled me to see firsthand how faith and trust in God can make all things possible. As a husband to my wife Chrissie Zeppos, and my three young adult children, Kathy, Alex and Kiki, we love what the San Francisco Metropolis has offered to both its fellow laity and the community it serves, and we want to help continue its growth and focus in youth programs.

# ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL NOMINEE – CLERGY



## Rev. Fr. Andrew Barakos

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church - Scottsdale, AZ**

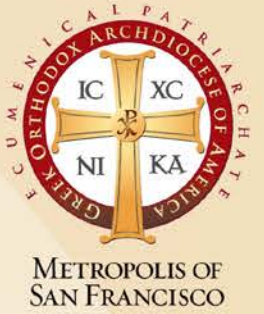
- Metropolis Council, 2008 – present
- Metropolis Southwest Regional Vicar
- Metropolis Missions and Evangelism Ministry Team
- Archdiocesan Council, 2020 - present

### ***Personal Statement:***

In-service to our church



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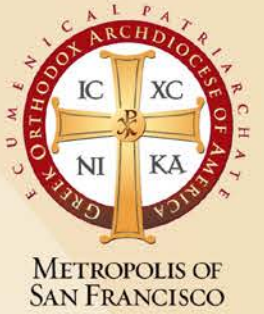


## George Psefteas

**Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church - Castro Valley, CA**  
**Senior Manager, Corporate Tax Accounting at Chevron Corporation**  
**(Professional Accountant)**

- Parish Council – served 8 years holding the following positions:  
President, Vice President, Treasurer
- Chair, Building Project Steering Committee - 10 years to present
- Metropolis Finance Committee Chair
- 2023 Metropolis Gala Chair
- Metropolis Council, 2016 - present
- Archdiocesan Council
- Archdiocese Finance Committee Member
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

# ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY

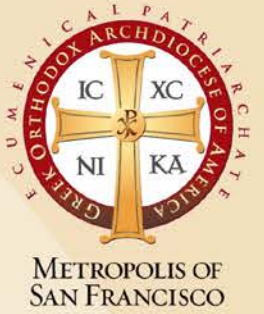


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**Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church - Castro Valley, CA**  
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I have Served my Church at the parish level since my first day as an Acolyte 48 years ago and have served the parish level in various capacities throughout my life. I have served the Church at the Metropolis level for the past 6 years, and my Archdiocese for the past 5 years and I was recently invested as an Archon to serve the Mother Church. Whether formally elected or not, I view my service to our Church as a humble honor and personal responsibility to use my God-given talents to protect the faith and the Mother Church at all levels. More importantly, it is my responsibility to bring everyone closer to Christ as I journey myself to come closer to Christ.

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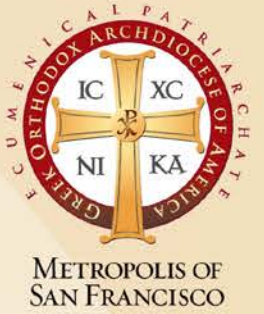
## Vasilios Marutsos

**Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church - Redondo Beach, CA  
Insurance Consultant**

- Parish Council Member at St Katherine Redondo Beach, 2015-Present
- Parish Council President, 2017 to 2023
- Member of the Finance, Capital Campaign, Planning, Beautification and Stewardship committees.
- St. Katherine Foundation member, 2017-2023.
- Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Irvine, CA - Missions and Evangelism committee member
- Metropolis Council 2018 – present
- Metropolis Insurance and Real Estate Committee Member
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate



# ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL NOMINEES – LAITY



## Vasilios Marutsos

**Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church - Redondo Beach, CA  
Insurance Consultant**

As a current member of the Metropolis Council, I will continue to work with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, His Grace Bishop Ioannis the executive committee and colleagues of the Council to support and expand the mission of the Metropolis. I am available to put fourth my time, talent and treasure to support the long-term mission of the Metropolis as well as supporting our Clergy and member churches.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE NOMINEES



## Philippos Athanasiades

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral – San Francisco, CA**  
**Accountant – Director of Finance**

- Parish Council Treasurer 9 years
- Metropolis Chair of the Total Commitment and Pension Benefits Committee
- Metropolis Council, 2016 - present
- Metropolis Audit Committee member



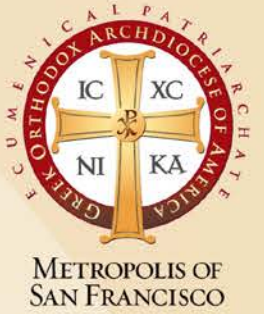
## AUDIT COMMITTEE NOMINEES



# Philippos Athanasiades

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral – San Francisco, CA**  
**Accountant – Director of Finance**

I would like to continue serving in the positions I currently serve. The experience I have gained while serving is of value to the Metropolis and our Parishes.





# AUDIT COMMITTEE NOMINEES

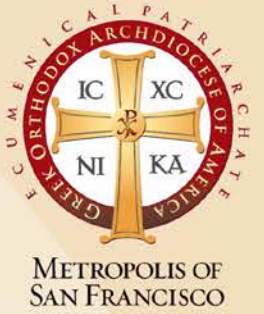


## John Karas

**Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church - Las Vegas, NV**

**Retired - US Naval Officer, (23 years); Aerospace International Business Development Director (10 years); Secondary Education (teacher & administrator) - 9 years.**

- Parish Council 2009-2010 & 2016-2017
- Parish Council Assistant Treasurer 2010
- Parish Council Treasurer 2016-2017
- Internal Audit Committee lead for 2012 Audit
- Acting Parish Bookkeeper 2015-2016 and 2019
- Stewardship Committee 2006-2011 & 2022-2023
- Finance Committee 2020-2023
- Metropolis Council Audit Committee, 2022-2024



# AUDIT COMMITTEE NOMINEES



## John Karas

**Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church - Las Vegas, NV**

**Retired - US Naval Officer, (23 years); Aerospace International Business Development Director (10 years); Secondary Education (teacher & administrator) - 9 years.**

Having worked on the Parish Council in the capacity of Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer, I gained extensive insight into the financial matters of our Parish. I also served as acting bookkeeper on two different occasions learning the ins and outs of properly managing our financials, including providing the inputs for the Annual National Ministries Allocation data to the Metropolis for the past 9 years. In conjunction with this, created the Parish's Financial Policies and Procedures Manual. Lastly, I have worked extensively on our annual audit with our outside auditors for the past 9 years. For the past two years I have served on the Metropolis Audit Committee and have gained a great deal of insight into the Metropolis' various financial accounts, monitoring the ongoing engagement with Michael Sassi.

