



## Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly • April 24-25, 2023

# Let Light YOUR Shine!

*"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*  
**Matthew 5:14-16**



### Featured Presenter

**Katrina Bitar** has been involved in youth ministry for over 20

years. She was led to youth ministry through her own experiences in the youth programs that formed her heart for ministry. Her parents, Fr. Elias and Joanne Bitar, blessed memory, were instrumental in demonstrating what a life given to Jesus Christ looks like. They were her first examples of what it looks like to truly serve God and others. Katrina has been the YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) Program Director since May of 2009, following her graduation from St. Vladimir's Seminary. Katrina previously served as the Camp Director at Camp St. Nicholas in Frazier Park, CA from 2003-2021 and the Parish Youth Director at Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Phoenix, AZ from 2001-2007. She also served OCF as the West Coast College Conference Advisor. Through the YES Program, Katrina has embraced the opportunity to share her heart for both those in need and young people. She has also embraced her love for singing, cooking, and creative writing. Katrina is grateful to create formative opportunities that equip youth and young adults to serve each person as the Image of Christ.

### Monday, April 24, 2023

### Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. Registration Opens  
Ministry Pavilion (Courtyard)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Opening Prayer Service..... *Metropolitan Gerasimos*  
Appointment of Presiding Officer and Secretary  
Keynote Address..... *Metropolitan Gerasimos*
- 2:00-4:30 p.m. Featured Presentation..... *Katrina Bitar*
- 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers at the Monastery
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Safety Update..... *Deacon Justin Bosl/Rhea Ballas*
- 8:00 p.m. Metropolis Ministries Circuit..... *Paul Gikas and Ministry Leaders*
- 8:30 p.m. Ministry Pavilion and Reception

### Tuesday, April 25, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Feast of Saint Mark the Apostle and Evangelist  
Divine Liturgy at the Monastery  
Nineteen-Year Memorial for Metropolitan Anthony
- 10:30 a.m. Brunch
- 11:30 a.m. Clergy-Laity Assembly Resumes
- 11:30 a.m. Hellenic College Holy Cross  
Update..... *President George Cantonis*
- 12:00 p.m. Second Presentation..... *Katrina Bitar*
- 12:45 p.m. Approval of Minutes from the 2022 Clergy-Laity Assembly  
Metropolis Council Report..... *Isidoros Garifalakis*  
Total Commitment and Pension  
Benefits Funding..... *Philippos Athanasiades*  
2022 Metropolis Financial Report..... *George Psefteas*  
Review Engagement..... *George Psefteas*  
2023 Budget Presentation and Approval..... *George Psefteas*
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks..... *Metropolitan Gerasimos*
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment and Closing Prayer..... *Metropolitan Gerasimos*
- 5:00 p.m. Clergy Retreat Begins