



Office of the Chancellor

Metropolis Council

March 19, 2022

I express my continued gratitude to His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos for his trust and confidence for allowing me to assist him in the administration of the Metropolis and work with him, to support of our Clergy, faithful and parishes. For their continued assistance and support for the Office of the Chancellor, I heartily thank the Metropolis office staff Presvytera Alikì Kyriacou and Ms. Foula Vasilogiorgis, as well as Mr. Paul Gikas, Director of Ministries and Administration and Ms. Kristen Bruskas, Director of Communications.

VICARIATES:

The Vicars representing the eight regions of the Metropolis have transitioned from weekly meetings to monthly meetings with His Eminence and myself to discuss and advise on issues relating to clergy and the parishes.

CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS:

- His Eminence Metropolitan Tarasios of Rhodopolis has graciously offered to assist the Metropolis of San Francisco and serves the community of St Basil, San Jose, CA as Archieratical Proistamenos.
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Chaffee of St George Church in Bakersfield, CA requested and was granted a canonical release from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese to the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), effective December 21, 2021.
- Rev. Fr. Alexander Stavrinides of St Spyridon Church in Upland, CA requested to return to the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) which was granted effective February 11, 2022.
- Rev. Fr. Milutin Janjic who served at Prophet Elias Church in Santa Cruz, CA as a Priest “on loan” from the Serbian Orthodox Church has been released back to his original Diocese in order to join his family and serve the Orthodox Church in Sweden, effective February 21, 2022.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS AND MILESTONES:

His Eminence and I celebrated several Parish anniversaries:

- November 13-14, 2021: Holy Resurrection Church, Castro Valley, CA- 50th Anniversary

- November 20-21, 2021: St John the Baptist Church, Anaheim, CA- 60th Anniversary
- December 5, 2021: Annunciation Church, Sacramento, CA- 100th Anniversary

With the blessings of His Eminence, I visited the Parishes of:

- St Anthony, Reno Nevada on the occasion of their Feast Day (January 15-17, 2022), and
- St Katherine, Chandler, AZ (February 5-6) for the celebration of the ministry of Fr Philip Armstrong, who retired in 2020. The celebration was postponed due to the COVID pandemic.

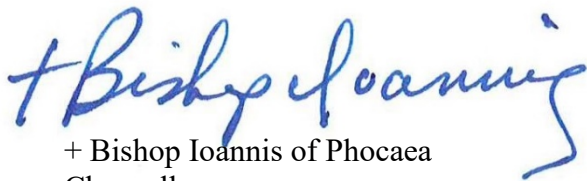
Epiphany Celebrations

- His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, celebrated the Blessings of the Waters at San Francisco's Aquatic Park on Sunday, February 6, 2022.
- I celebrated the Blessings of the Waters at Mother's Beach, Long Beach, CA on Saturday, January 8, 2022.

CLERGY ENGAGEMENT:

Shortly after the beginning of the pandemic, His Eminence called for weekly zoom meetings with the Metropolis Clergy. These meetings continue on a weekly basis and are primary vehicles to connect with the clergy on a regular basis. These meetings also provide a platform for continuing clergy education relevant to the ministry of the clergymen and the welfare of the Priests and their families,

Respectfully submitted,



+ Bishop Ioannis of Phocaea
Chancellor