



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

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✠Saint Lucillian of Byzantium

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

“The God of heaven, He will prosper us, therefore we, His servants, will arise and build.”
Nehemiah 2:20

It is with great joy and anticipation that plans have been developed for the rebuilding of the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco, California. Following the devastation of the 1989 earthquake, new and expanded facilities were no longer an option but a necessity for safety, as well as for the future growth and development of our Metropolis Cathedral. The construction of a new house of worship will be a landmark project not only for the stewards of the Cathedral, but for all Greek Orthodox faithful in the west as this new edifice will belong to the entire Metropolis as its mother church.

The Annunciation Cathedral has been blessed with many families who have been lifelong supporters of the parish, whose parents and grandparents were founders of this community, and who have seen generations of their families develop strong religious and cultural bonds through the Church. This beloved Cathedral community is committed to preserving its historic past while charting a course for its future which includes unique opportunities for the development of inner-city ministries and programs. These will only augment the multi-faceted and stellar programs offered by the Cathedral today including a strong youth and young adult ministry, excellent religious education programs, award-winning Greek folk dance troupes, and outreach programs to those in need within the church and the greater civic community.

I offer my gratitude and paternal blessings upon all those whose vision – past and present – have committed themselves to the construction of a new Metropolis Cathedral wherein we will join together in prayer and song in praise of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of God be upon this project and may His eternal light illumine the hearts of our faithful to support this worthy endeavor.

With Love in Christ,

✠Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco