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που τον θεμέλιο λίθο έθεσε ο νυν Οικουμενικός Πατριάρχης, Η.Α.Θ. Παναγιώτης Βαρθολομαίος, που για σχεδόν 100 χρόνια εξακολουθεί νάναι το κέντρο της Ελληνορθόδοξης Πίστης και Παράδοσης μας στην καρδιά του Αγ. Φραγκίσκου.

Και ποιήσεις μοι άγίασμα, και όφθήσομαι έν ύμϊν (Εξόδου 25:8)

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ΚΤΙΣΤΕ ΕΝΑ ΟΡΟΣΗΜΟ, Η ΜΗ ΚΤΙΣΕΤΕ ΤΙΠΟΤΕ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΩΣ...ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ ΣΤΟΝ ΕΟΡΤΑΣΜΟΝ ΤΗΣ 85ΗΣ ΕΠΕΤΕΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ, ΑΓ. ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ, ΤΟ ΕΤΟΣ 2006

Ήδη άρχισε η οικοδόμηση, μετά από τέσσερα σχεδρόν χρόνια από τότε που υποβάλλαμε την αίτηση για να ξανακτίσουμε τον Καθεδρικό ναό, αφού μετά τον σεισμό του 1989 εκτίσαμε ήδη το γυμναστήριο, τις αίθουσες διδασκαλίες, τη κουζίνα, τα γραφεία, το υπόγειο, κλπ. Όταν λέμε ξανακτίζουμε τον Καθεδρικό Ναό, δεν μιλάμε για έναν απλό ναό ή μία απλή οικοδόμηση• μιλάμε για το εκκλησιαστικό κέντρο της Μητροπόλεως του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου, που περιλαμβάνει τις επτά δυτικές πολιτείες των Η.Π.Α.

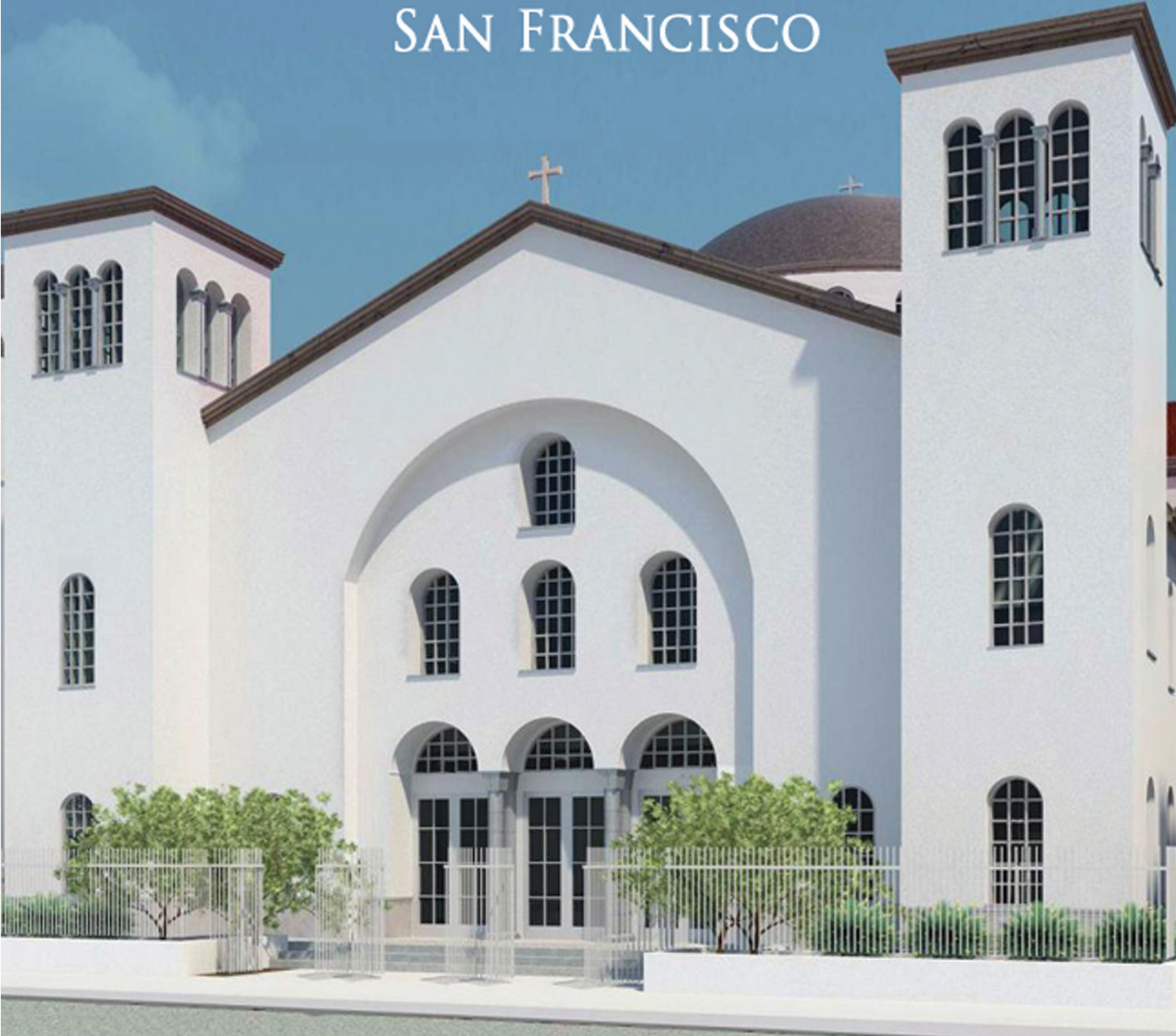
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BUILDING A LANDMARK

THE NEW ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SAN FRANCISCO





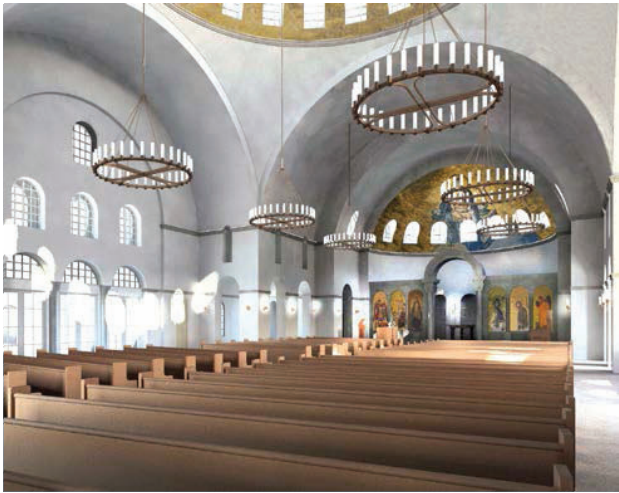
On October 17, 1989 the Loma Prieta Earthquake devastated the Annunciation Cathedral and it was demolished. By 1998, the ancillary facilities were rebuilt—gymnasium, hall, meeting rooms and classrooms, commercial kitchen, basement storage and offices for the Cathedral and the Metropolis. However, the Cathedral itself has not been rebuilt, until now.

What is being constructed now is not only a parish church. It is the Cathedral church for the Metropolis of San Francisco. The Metropolis covers the seven Western States. The old Cathedral, which was built in 1907 and was acquired in 1928, was completely transformed into an all-in-one-building—sanctuary, hall, classrooms, meeting rooms, offices, kitchen—in 1936. It is the only Greek Orthodox church in the country which was completely destroyed as a result of an earthquake.

We are especially proud of the architecture of the Cathedral now being built. The design was developed by Goldman Architects of San Francisco, based on Hagia Eirine, which is located near the Great Church of Hagia Sophia. Hagia Eirine was also built by Justinian in the 6th century. It is the only major church in Constantinople, which was never turned into a mosque. It is also the likely site of the Great and Holy Synod, which will be convened in 2016.

With its 67-foot high 50-foot diameter dome, the new 14,000 square foot Annunciation Cathedral is destined to become a landmark, as His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios proposed in his address at the Cathedral’s 85th anniversary gala at San Francisco City Hall in 2006.

However, it is not only the Cathedral’s architectural affinity that will render it a landmark. It is also because His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew broke ground for the Cathedral when he visited San Francisco in 1997, noting the



historical importance of the Cathedral: it was established in 1921 by Meletios Metaxakis, shortly before he was enthroned as Ecumenical Patriarch. As such, the new Cathedral, representing a century of history and ecclesiastical tradition, is poised to reestablish the Greek Orthodox Faith and presence in the heart of San Francisco.

On October 17, 2013 (24 years to the day of Loma Prieta!) the Building Department granted the Cathedral a building permit, and work was begun. A not-to-exceed contract with McNely Construction, in the amount of \$10.7 million, was signed. This is the hard cost to complete the entire building. The interior space and appointments are expected to cost an additional \$2.3 million.

The cost to complete the interior includes the iconography by famed iconographer Giorgios Kordis, professor of Byzantine Iconography at the University of Athens. So far, we have raised over \$5.5 million in gifts and pledges. This amount includes a \$1.3 million bequest, left to us by a parishioner who desired nothing more than to see the church rebuilt; a \$640,000 bequest left by someone totally unknown to us, given precisely because the donor was inspired by the architecture; and, third, a gift of 234 ounces of platinum coins (valued at over \$350,000), by a member of a far-away parish, because we’re rebuilding the Cathedral to glorify the Name of God. Together with the money left for this purpose by the late Anne and Angelo Mountanos, we have \$6 million more to raise (\$3.7 million to fulfill the present contract and \$2.3 to complete the interior).

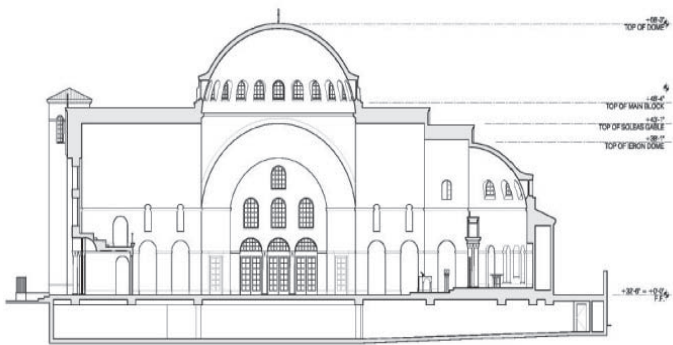
Recently, Five Star Bank in Elk Grove, CA approved a loan/line of credit in the amount of \$6 million. This will enable us to complete the Cathedral. However, depending upon a loan to complete the project will put the community in dire financial straits, as the loan/line of credit is made based on the community’s assets and not its cash flow. This would not be

prudent stewardship on our part.

Therefore, we are inviting the community at large to give “what you have decided in your heart to give,” as St. Paul tells the Church in Corinth, “not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). If you see the value of heeding the Archbishop’s call, or of honoring both Ecumenical Patriarchs’ historic undertakings, or of making firm the presence of the Greek Orthodox presence in the heart of the City, rise up and declare your support. This is your opportunity to do what few people are privileged to do, which is to build a church to the glory of God!

Now, \$10.7 (and eventually \$13 million) is a lot of money. However, it costs this much, in part, because of the parking structure below. But the parking is absolutely necessary. It costs this much because of features like the dome. Again, these features are an essential part of the design. As an essential expression of our Greek Orthodox Christian Faith, they are absolutely necessary. When the bids came in, we thought of shrinking the footprint or making other significant design changes. However, this would have sent us back to the drawing board and required permitting anew—another few years lost. Meanwhile, construction costs would have risen to the point where a simpler structure would cost the same as the one we are building now. And, so, the decision to proceed as we are doing was made after much thought, but unanimously—we did not wish to compromise on the call of history.

Every member of the Parish Council and the Building Committee, our project manager (a member of the Cathedral community), and every member of our Capital Campaign Committee, all spoke in favor of proceeding



with the present plan. After much discussion, on September 25, 2013 the Parish Council voted to proceed and, so, we signed the contract with the construction company, confident, in faith, that we will find the remaining funds to enable us to complete the project. Future generations will judge whether we did the right thing. In our heart of hearts, we believe we have. Meanwhile, our faith is being validated.

Early on in the process, Isidoros Garifalakis of Omega Industries in Vancouver, WA, offered to provide

all the steel (rebar and red iron) at cost, and to provide fabrication labor and delivery for free, saving the project several hundred thousand dollars. From then, our Capital Campaign has taken on new life. As we go out, person-to-person, inviting people to make their gift, we are getting results. And we are doing this patiently, and with conviction.

One new feature of the Campaign is the creation of a “Dean’s List.” People who make six-figure gifts to the Campaign (and fulfill them), will be named to this list. So far, we have 10 people on the Dean’s List. Two of the 10 serve on the Parish Council. In addition, a number of those who have already given to the Campaign are considering increasing their gift to a six-figure gift. And, as we go around the community, various individuals are expressing an interest in making six-figure gifts. The attractive feature of this option is that these gifts can be paid over five

years. And the gifts may be made from appreciated assets, which has certain tax benefits to the donor, since the Cathedral is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. (Its legal name is: United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation.) In addition to special recognition, those making six-figure gifts will have naming opportunities and other benefits.

However, not everyone can make a six-figure gift. We are

BUILD A LANDMARK OR BUILD NOTHING AT ALL!

– ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS AT THE CATHEDRAL’S 85TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2006