Report of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Arts and Architecture Committee
Metropolis Council Meeting
January 27 – 28, 2026

With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Arts and Architecture Committee (MSFAA) continues to work with parishes seeking to beautify their church structures with appropriate iconography, develop a Master Plan for new building structures on existing sites, as well as remodel or modify existing parish facilities.

The Greek Orthodox MSFAA Committee continues to monitor the progress of parishes and their projects to build, upgrade, remodel or improve their campus structures:

- The committee recommended final approval and the blessing of His Eminence for the renovation, remodel and future building of a Gymnasium to the existing hall facilities of the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint George in Downey, CA.
- The committee also recommended final approval and the blessing of His Eminence for the renovation and remodel of the existing facilities of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Apostles in Shoreline, WA.
- Final discussions continue for the building of a new Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Demetrios in Tucson, AZ.

The Greek Orthodox MSFAA Committee notes that submittals, with few exceptions, continue to follow the guidelines of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan of America UPR. This allows for a proper review by the committee before forwarding recommendations to His Eminence for approval.

The committee also encourages parishes to seek Architects of the Greek Orthodox Faith when proceeding for the planning, building of or remodel of their church temple structures in addition to the review and recommendations of their initial design plans to the MSFAA committee before presenting plans to City Planning Commissions.

Respectfully submitted,
Father Peter G. Salmas
Chair

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Fundraising and Development Report

January 27 – 28, 2026

The Fundraising and Development Committee remains an essential component of the Metropolis infrastructure. Through its efforts, the Committee provides critical financial support for Metropolis operations and plays a vital role in sustaining and expanding our ministries. Over the past year, these initiatives have demonstrated both the generosity of our faithful and the importance of coordinated, mission-driven fundraising.

Faith Forward

Faith Forward continues to be integral to the life and operations of the Metropolis. In 2025, the campaign concluded very successfully, raising over $495,000 in donations. This strong outcome reflects the continued trust and generosity of our stewards, who give faithfully out of their love for the Lord and commitment to the ministries of the Metropolis. As we look ahead, the support of the members of the Metropolis Council remains especially important. Council members are called to set the example of faithful stewardship, encouraging participation and generosity throughout the Metropolis. In the coming year, we will endeavor to connect with our donors earlier and more consistently, seeking their ongoing engagement and support throughout the year. Faith Forward remains a cornerstone of our financial stability and a vital resource for advancing the vision of the Metropolitan and the work of our ministries.

Metropolis Gala

The 2025 Metropolis Gala was an outstanding success. Under the leadership of George and Vickie Demos and Gig and Kathleen Kyriacou, the Gala was held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at the JW Marriott Anaheim Resort. With nearly 520 attendees, it was the largest Gala to date and a joyful celebration of our Metropolis and its ministries. The Gala generated over $940,000 in gross income, providing significant support for the ministries highlighted throughout the evening. While the next Metropolis Gala will not be held until 2027, planning efforts will begin in the coming months to secure a date and venue.

All Saints Foundation

The All Saints Foundation continues to move forward under the capable leadership of its President, Byron Scordelis. The Foundation website has now been completed and is expected to be fully functional within 7 to 10 days following the Assembly. This milestone represents an important step in establishing the Foundation as a long-term source of financial support for the Metropolis. The All Saints Foundation is designed to address the long-range needs of the Metropolis and to position us well for the future by creating a solid and sustainable base of financial support. This initiative will play a key role in enabling the continued growth of our ministries and the expansion of our good works in the years ahead.

Thank you to the members of the Metropolis Council for your continued support, leadership, and commitment. Your time, talent, and treasure are deeply appreciated, and your engagement remains essential to the ongoing vitality and mission of our Metropolis.

Sincerely,

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Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco

METROPOLIS CERGY LAITY COMFERENCE
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 2026

Insurance:

Archon Bill Marutsos has been working with Parishes to make sure ALL Metropolis insurance including Real Estate coverage is properly in place. Please contact Bill with any Metropolis insurance questions.

Real Estate:

Transaction Requests:

The Insurance and Real Estate committee has been working with many parishes on multiple Real Estate Transactions. Presently, there are no files to be presented to His Eminence for approval.

Clergy-Laity
A reminder that all Metropolis Real Estate Transactions require the Metropolitan's blessings for Approval and must first be sent to the Insurance and Real Estate committee for review.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Report on the Total Commitment and Benefits Funding process to the Clergy-Laity Assembly of the Metropolis of San Francisco – January 2026

1. **2025 TC Update**

As at January 15th 2026, which is the final extended date/grace period for our 2025 TC payments to be received by GOA, our Metropolis' Parishes have contributed 102.50% of our total Metropolis' allocation. There are very few Parishes with balances carried forward.

2. **TC for 2026 Allocations**

The process of allocation has been completed and our Metropolis' allocation has been set at $3,3,915,105 for 2026. This represents a 2.30% increase from 2025. With cushion, the total amount to be allocated is $4,020,449. We have 44 Parishes that are facing increases, 3 Parishes that are having decreases and 14 Parishes that remain unchanged from the prior year. The process of informing our Parishes has been completed during the first week of October.

3. **Benefits**

As at the end of December 2025, our Parishes contributed $923,904 representing 103.80% of our Metropolis' allocated number of $889,935 (without cushion). Our allocated amount for 2026 is $947,865 with cushion – in line with the increase approved by the National Clergy-Laity Congress. Excess contributions in the form of cushion are utilized in covering the underfunded amount of the Clergy Pension Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Philippos Athanasiades, Finance Committee
January 20, 2026