Report of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Arts and Architecture Committee
Metropolis Council Meeting
May 4-6, 2025

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 Church of the Nativity in Novato recently submitted architectural plans for renovating the church entrance and modification to the interior. The MSFAA Committee reviewed the designs and submitted final recommendation for approval to His Eminence.
- The Greek Orthodox Church of Saints Constantine and Helen in Lancaster, CA, requested guidance for marquis signage. The committee helped with design and recommended companies that could submit estimate for the project.
- Several parishes have submitted plans to renovate existing structures or Master Plans to build new complexes. The MSFAA continues to work with these parishes and will be submitting final recommendation to His Eminence for approval.

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 encourages parishes to seek review and recommendations their initial design plans to the MSFAA committee before presenting plans to City Planning Commissions.

Respectfully submitted,
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AUDIT COMMITTEE
04/26/25

Christ is Risen!

The Audit committee would like to offer our prayers on the passing of John Karas this past January. He was a member of the Audit Committee, a valuable member of our Metropolis and a dedicated member of St. John the Baptist Church in Las Vegas. May his memory be eternal.

We have requested access QuickBooks for our Metropolis, FDF and St. Nicholas Ranch to facilitate our Internal Audit responsibilities. We were given (the appropriate) report-only access to QuickBooks online for the Metropolis and St. Nicholas Ranch and will receive the same access for FDF soon. A focus of our Internal Audit will include tracking of our annual and special giving campaigns.

The Metropolis has contracted with MD Sassi gain to continue the Review of our finances. The projected start date for the review for calendar years 2021 & 2022 was March 1, 2025. It is the committee's hope that as we complete this process, we will eventually have an Audit of our Metropolis finances.

I want to thank the committee member Philippos Athanasiades for all his effrots, and welcome Irene Melitas of the Annunciation Cathedral to our committee. .

Truly He is Risen!

Fr. Thomas J Zaferes

METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

Fundraising and Development Report

May 5, 2025

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christos Anesti!

The Fundraising and Development Committee is an important component of the Metropolis infrastructure. Our efforts provide financial support for our operations and for the growth of our ministries.

Faith Forward

Faith Forward has become integral to the supporting the operations of our Metropolis, especially over the past decade. I am pleased to share that Faith Forward did very well in 2024, raising over $361,000, which is an increase of $50,000 over where we ended in 2023. Considering all the other fundraising efforts we had in 2024, as well as all the fundraising we did for the Clergy-Laity Congress, this was an exceptional result. I thank all of you for your support and participation as Faith Forward stewards of our Metropolis.

This year we are ahead of schedule thanks to a one-time anonymous donor who recently contributed $125,000. Right now, we have raised $163,000. We will continue to focus on building up Faith Forward as it is important to our budget and meeting all the obligations to support our good works.

One new feature we have added for our donors is the option to donate stock. There is a link on the "Donate" page on our website and we will also promote this during our forthcoming Faith Forward communication. I am confident that we can continue to grow Faith Forward, but we must work together as a Metropolis. Our parishes, parish leadership, and all our faithful should consider making an investment in the transformative power of our faith and putting the Gospel into action through our ministries.

Metropolis Gala

This year we will hold our Metropolis Gala on Saturday, October 11 at the JW Marriott Resort in Anaheim, California. The honorees for this Gala will be Nikiforos and Georgia Valaskantjis, who have been significant benefactors of our Metropolis and are faithful stewards. This event will be under the capable leadership George and Vickie Demos and Gig and Kathleen Kyriacou. Information on sponsorships and ticket sales will be forthcoming and we hope that you will all make an effort to support this event and celebrate the achievements of our Metropolis.

All Saints Foundation

The All Saints Foundation is under the capable leadership of President Byron Scordelis. He and members of the Board and staff are presently working on the development of a website. This is an important step so that we can clearly communicate to everyone what the Foundation is and how it supports the Metropolis. This should be fully operational over the summer. Look for more information on the All Saints Foundation later this year.

Thank you again for your support, and please reach out to me with any questions or if you would like to become more involved in the Fundraising and Development efforts of our Metropolis.

Sincerely,

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INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Clergy-Laity Assembly

May 5,2025

Insurance:

Archon Bill Marutsos has been working to make sure ALL Metropolis insurance including Real Estate coverage is up to date.

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 ready to be presented to His Eminence for approval and this report.

Clergy-Laity
A reminder that all Metropolis Real Estate Transactions, require the Metropolitan's blessings for Approval and should 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 Metropolis Council and Clergy Laity Assembly of the Metropolis of San Francisco – May 2025

1. **2024 and 2025 TC Update**

   For the year ended December 2024 the Parishes of our Metropolis contributed $3,786,487 - $160,536 in excess of our 2024 Allocated number of $3,625,951. Our thanks to all our Parishes! As at the end of March 2025 our Parishes' contributions are at 24.3% of our total of $3,920,268.

2. **TC for 2026 Allocations**

   The request for submissions letters have been sent by both mail and email. The deadline for submissions is May 15th.

3. **Benefits**

   All Parishes are contributing on time to the Archdiocese Pension Plan. The requirement is that payments be made via ACH and most of our Parishes are compliant with the exception of a few that still mail checks.

4. **Remarks**

   As stated in a previous report, going forward, submissions to the Archdiocese are going to be in electronic format. All Parishes are going to be required to provide a FULL SET of financial statements, with possible repercussions both to the Metropolis as well as the Parish for non-compliance. This will be communicated accordingly to our Parishes.

Respectfully submitted,
Philippos Athanasiades, Finance Committee
April 2025