



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

June 30, 2020

✠Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

Brother Clergy and Esteemed Parish Council Presidents and Treasurers,

I convey to you the greetings and blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos as we celebrate the Synaxis of the Holy Apostles.

**The purpose of this letter is for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco to provide clarification on the Uniform Parish Regulations (UPRs) of the Archdiocese, specific to the requirements for parishes obtaining financial assistance through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), both of which have been made available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020.**

With the concurrence and blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, the Metropolis of San Francisco confirms that, based on Article 16, Section 3 and Article 29, Section 1, paragraphs G and H, of the UPR, neither Metropolis nor General Parish Assembly approval is required to obtain either of these subject loans up to program limits, which do not require encumbrance of parish assets (i.e., mortgage or other form of asset collateral).

This confirmation does not apply to parishes that have local by-laws that are more restrictive than the UPR that explicitly require General Parish Assembly approval for any form of indebtedness.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact George Psefteas ([george.psefteas@gmail.com](mailto:george.psefteas@gmail.com)) or Philippos Athanasiades ([philippos1cy@yahoo.com](mailto:philippos1cy@yahoo.com)).

I remain grateful for your dedicated efforts during these challenging times, and continue to pray for your safekeeping.

With Love in Christ,

The Very Rev. Archimandrite Father John E. Constantine  
Chancellor