



Let *Light*
YOUR Shine!

Spread the Word,
Call and Challenge



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

Save these dates!

All on Monday evenings
at 6:30 p.m. Pacific

Monday, June 19

Engaging Parishioners through True
Christian Stewardship -
Time, Talents, and Treasures
Ministry Host: Stewardship

Monday, July 17

Real Life: Parenting from the Heart
Ministry Host: Family Wellness

Monday, August 21

The Anastasimatarion - the
importance of Saturday Vespers
and Sunday Orthros in our lives
Ministry Host: Church Music

Monday, September 18

Icons, Iconography, and
Iconographers
Ministry Host: Christian Education

Monday, October 16

Engaging our Youth and Young
Adults in our post-COVID Era
Ministry Host: Youth and Young
Adults

Monday, November 20

Being the Light and Lighthouse for
True Christian Stewardship
Ministry Host: Stewardship

Monday, December 18

Developing and Engaging...Creating
your Parish Plan for the New Year
Ministry Host: Orthodox Parish
Leadership

Monday, May 15, 2023 • 6:30 p.m. Pacific

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Stewardship Ministry invites you to the 2023 Monthly Ministry Series. Please join us on Monday, May 15, 2023 for a special presentation on "Spread the Word, Call and Challenge", hosted by Rev. Fr. Jerry Markopoulos and Kenny Scott, co-leaders of the Metropolis Missions and Evangelism Ministry. They will be joined by Rev. Father Luke Veronis who has been involved with the Orthodox church's missionary movement since 1987 and brings a valuable perspective on missions and evangelism as an effort to grow our faith.

"The spirit of apostleship is indelibly wrought in the very nature of the Church and should be lived in every age," states Archbishop Anastasios of Albania. "Mission is part of the Church's genetic makeup, a fixed element in her DNA. Church without mission is a contradiction in terms. If the Church remains indifferent to the apostolic work with which she has been entrusted, she denies and contradicts herself and her very essence."

Reading these powerful words from the foremost Orthodox missionary in the world today, should remind each of us about the central and primary role of sharing our Orthodox Christian Faith with the world around us, locally as well as globally. Like most everything else, however, this is easier said than done.

We invite you to dialogue with us about the call and challenge of being evangelists and how to practice evangelism at the parish and local level today within our own American context.

For more information, please email metropolis@sanfran.goarch.org or call 415-753-3075.

Register Now!



Your Hosts

**Rev. Father Gerasimos
"Jerry" Markopoulos and Kenny Scott, Co-Leads**
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Missions
and Evangelism Ministry

GUEST PRESENTER

Father Luke Veronis serves as the Director for the Missions Institute of Orthodoxy Christianity, which is located at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and teaches as an Adjunct Instructor at both Holy Cross and Hellenic College since 2005. He taught at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in NY (2005-2008), and guest lectured at St. Herman's Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska and at the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies in Cambridge, UK. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) in St. Augustine, FL.

Fr. Luke also pastors Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster, MA since December 2004. He and his wife, Presvytera Faith, have witnessed a wonderful turnaround of this parish, which has grown from a parochial church of 90 families to a vibrant, outreaching, missions-minded church of 160 families.

