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## Metropolis of San Francisco Clergy-Laity Assembly - Register Now



Clergy and lay leaders of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco will have the opportunity to gather at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA on March 4 - 5, 2024 for the Clergy-Laity Assembly. It will be a special honor to welcome His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America who will offer an Archpastoral Message for the attendees.

This annual meeting provides a forum for the leadership of all our communities to deliberate on important matters for our Metropolis and our Archdiocese and engage in dialogue and fellowship to enrich our common ministry. The Assembly will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 4, and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The Metropolis Clergy Retreat will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Assembly and will continue through Wednesday, March 6.

The theme for this year's Assembly is "Contemplate. Reconcile. Unify.", and will feature Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh who will offer an engaging presentation, expanding on this verse from Saint Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood,

shed on the cross” (Colossians 1:19-20). There will also be the annual review of the Metropolis finances, the presentation and approval of the 2024 Metropolis Budget, elections for the Metropolis Council, Archdiocesan Council, and Audit Committee members, and an opportunity to interact with the leaders of our Metropolis Ministries to share the important efforts they are offering to our parishes and faithful.

As specified in the Uniform Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, each parish is expected to have four delegates in attendance at the Clergy-Laity Assembly, comprised of the following:

The Parish Priest.

The President of the Parish Council, and in his or her absence the Vice President, or in his or her absence any member of the Parish Council designated by it.

Two members of the Parish elected by the Parish Assembly.

Registration is now open and your timely response is requested by Friday, February 16, 2024. Please plan your schedules accordingly so that you may fully participate in this Assembly and benefit from the valuable presentations and information that will be offered.

For additional information, please contact the Metropolis Office.

Featured Presenter

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh

SENIOR PRIEST OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh was born in Jacksonville, Florida on September 25, 1974 and currently serves as the Senior Priest of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church. Upon graduating from the University of North Florida, Rev. Louh entered Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts and graduated with a highest-distinction Masters of Divinity (1999) and a Masters of Theology (2000). He then attended Gordon Cornwell Theological Seminary where he earned a Doctorate of Ministry (2003) with an emphasis on Pastoral Counseling in the urban ministry.

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