



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church

CHRIST IS RISEN!

This may be the last time we get to say this joyful greeting to each other this year. We were blessed to have a beautiful celebration of our Patronal Feast Day of Saints Constantine and Helen, and the 35th Anniversary of our Parish Church building, and the 10th Anniversary of the John P. Eliopoulos Hellenic Center this past weekend. We were also blessed to have visiting clergy: Fathers John Alexandres (whom many of you know very well...) and Fr. Nicholas Hanna the new Priest at Holy Cross in Palmdale, and his wife Khouria Sophia. We also said our bittersweet goodbyes to Father Dionysios and Presvytera Elena, who are moving to North Carolina. After 30 years of service, Father is retiring from the active priestly ministry, so he and Presvytera can be close to their son and family. Please keep Father Dionysios in your prayers as he will be undergoing surgery on May 25th.

On the Sundays of May 28th and June 4th (Pentecost) we will have a visiting Priest come up to conduct our services. Matins and Liturgy will be at the normal times of 9/10AM. After a discussion with our Chancellor Bishop Apostolos, we have been informed that in the interim, Father John Alexandres will be serving our Parish on Saturdays, starting on June 10th. Temporarily, we will not have Sunday Liturgies during this interim period. I know this is a big change for all of us, but our Metropolitan Gerasimos is working diligently to find a permanent solution which will allow us to return to the normal schedule of Sunday Liturgies.

In the meantime, let us take courage, and make the best of this temporary situation, by fully attending our Saturday services, or any other additional services that might be offered (one additional service is Great Vespers of the Ascension, Wed night, May 24th at 7PM, which Father John will come up to celebrate with us). I hope you all will be able to attend.

Let us put our trust in the Lord's providence. Remember that we are the little Parish that can with Jesus Christ in our heart.

In Christ,

Peter Bouras
Parish Council President