



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

July 1, 2020

✠Cosmas and Damian the Holy Unmercenaries

Ms. Vange Archuleta, Parish Council President
Esteemed Members of the Parish Council
Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
2716 Dobson Road
Chandler, AZ 85224

***“Priests must be more respected to us than every other ruler
and more honorable than our parents themselves.”***

Saint John Chrysostom

Dear Ms. Archuleta and Esteemed Members of the Saint Katherine Parish Council,

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Several months ago your beloved Pastor of 27 years, the Rev. Father Philip Armstrong, requested to retire effective August 31, 2020. I am grateful for his dedicated and wise ministry to you and I encourage you to express in some tangible way your appreciation and love for him and Presvytera Maria and to celebrate the fruits of their labors in your community.

This is an important time in the history of your beloved parish and I give thanks to God for your dedication to the sacred mission of the Church. After prayerfully considering the characteristics and needs of your parish on many levels and considering your input, I am assigning the Reverend Father Timothy Pavlatos as your new Proistamenos effective September 1, 2020.

Father Timothy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Wright State University in Dayton, OH. He pursued his graduate studies at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1992. Following his ordination in 1995, Father Timothy served as the Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix, AZ. He then went on to serve as proistamenos for the parishes of Saint George in Eugene, OR and Prophet Elias in San Bernardino, CA. During his ministry, he also served several mission parishes in Flagstaff, AZ; Salem, OR; and Lake Havasu City, AZ.

With his additional education and experience through obtaining a Master of Science degree in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University (Maryland) and a Certificate program in Marriage and Family Counseling from George Fox University, Father Timothy was appointed to serve as the Director of the Metropolis Family Wellness Ministry, while also assisting at Saint John the Baptist Church in Beaverton, OR and the Holy Resurrection Mission Church in Salem, OR. Since returning to Arizona in 2018, Father Timothy has been assisting at the Assumption Church

in Scottsdale, AZ. Father Timothy and his wife, Presvytera Vicki, reside in Chandler, AZ. They have been married since 1995 and are parents to nine children.

As the new Ecclesiastical Year begins on September 1, it will be an exciting time for your new priest to begin his ministry with you on that occasion. I encourage you to appropriately welcome him, in compliance with whatever the local Health Department guidelines may be in place, at that time.

Praying that our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ bless you with His abiding love and peace as you begin this exciting new chapter in the life of your parish, I remain,

With Love in Christ,


✠Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

cc: V. Rev. Archimandrite John E. Constantine, Chancellor
Rev. Father Andrew Barakos, Vicar
Rev. Father Philip Armstrong
Rev. Father Timothy Pavlatos