



METROPOLIS OF  
SAN FRANCISCO

## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

FR. JAMES RETELAS, PRESIDING PRIEST

St. Haralambos the Priest-Martyr  
February 10, 2021

Dear Faithful of Annunciation,

As we continue to worship while still adhering to COVID-19 precautions and safety measures, please remember that regular social distancing and wearing of masks will be closely followed on our parish grounds.

Late Friday evening, February 6th, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the South Bay United Pentecost Church v. Gavin Newsom, Governor of California, stating that California can no longer continue with a ban on indoor church services. This is the second ruling in the past few months in which the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional right of religious freedom. While the ruling was in favor of Churches in the State of California, the state can limit worship to 25% occupancy, which is at least at par with similar businesses/infrastructures.

With this ruling as our legal protection, and with the number of cases decreasing in the Greater Sacramento area, we are excited to welcome you back into our physical church building to pray and worship.

Please join us in our church building for all upcoming services including the Divine Liturgy, this Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday of the Canaanite Woman. Please also join us to pray the Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos, every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Masks, contact tracing, and social distancing protocols will, of course, be in place. As always, our services will continue to be broadcast via our live-stream on our Parish Website, Facebook, and GOARCH app.

We look forward to praying and celebrating with you safely, in person, in our church, this weekend, for the Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Sunday of the Canaanite Woman.

With love in Christ,

Fr. James Retelas  
*Presiding Priest*