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## **Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago releases statement regarding the future of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**



**The Metropolis released the following statement on September 10, 2019, regarding the future of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. The Metropolis asks the faithful along with all people of good will, for their continued prayers and support of the Holy Trinity community during this difficult period of transition and renewal.**

**Read the full statement below:**

Earlier today, the United States Bankruptcy Court approved the Parish's motions to approve the sale of the Chicago property and the Deerfield property. The decision comes after a faith-based community stepped forward to acquire the Chicago

property, and a developer stepped forward to acquire the Deerfield property, allowing Holy Trinity to reach an understanding with its lender to avoid an auction of the properties. An earlier effort by the Parish to sell the Chicago property to a foundation under a contract dated December 11, 2018 failed because the foreclosing lender did not approve the 75% financing condition of the offer.

While the Parish's ongoing foreclosure and bankruptcy has been difficult for parishioners and the Metropolis as a whole, the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is not closing. The Parish is selling real estate assets to settle debts with a lender.

While hard choices remain and nothing is yet final, the Metropolis will continue to work closely with the Holy Trinity community to continue Parish life and ministries at a location chosen by the community. To this end, a General Assembly meeting was held on June 2, 2019 to inform parishioners of the foreclosure and bankruptcy status. Although a quorum was not present at the meeting, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael asked about the parish's fundraising efforts and donor outreach, as well as plans for the future, and he offered assistance in these matters as well.

We ask the faithful of the Metropolis, along with all people of good will, for their continued prayers and support of the Holy Trinity community during this difficult period of transition and renewal.

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