

## **Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago: Joint Statement Regarding the Future of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**



**The Metropolis and Holy Trinity released a joint statement on September 27, 2019 regarding the future of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. The Metropolis asks the faithful to continue its prayers for and support of the Holy Trinity community throughout the transition.**

**The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church made the following statement:**

Following September 10, 2019, Bankruptcy Court approval of the sale of Holy Trinity's Chicago and the Deerfield properties, the parish is beginning the next chapter in its spiritual life. During the transition period, new leadership will be established for the immediate and long-term benefit of the parish. To foster this transition, and upon the request of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, the Parish Council members have offered their collective resignations.

The bankruptcy and foreclosure actions have been a deep source of pain for the Holy Trinity community. The Metropolis of Chicago is well aware of this reality and will continue to work with the parish to assist in its search for a new spiritual home appropriate for worship, prayer, and fellowship. To facilitate the work that lies ahead, an interim Parish Council will be appointed by the Metropolitan. Moreover, following a discussion about the need for changes to the parish's clergy leadership, a new parish priest will be assigned in the near future. Until such time as a new priest is assigned to the parish, together with the interim Parish Council, the Very Reverend Timothy Bakakos, Chancellor of the Metropolis of Chicago, will oversee the administrative concerns of the parish. The Metropolis of Chicago asks the faithful of the Metropolis to continue its prayers for and support of the Holy Trinity community throughout the transition.

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