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Lombard, IL, January 15, 2024 — The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago today announced the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to 15 parishes in the Chicago area for the co-location of the Metropolis Center at one parish campus.

More than 50 individuals representing the 15 parishes were invited to a presentation by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael outlining the RFP and its objective on January 11. The RFP seeks bold and innovative proposals from the invited parishes. The deadline for proposals is 5 p.m. on March 11, 2024.

“Above all else, we seek imaginative proposals with a creative vision unencumbered by cost constraints or short-term thinking. By passionate choice, our Christ-centered Metropolis is parish-driven and forward-thinking. This RFP process holds true to this understanding of who we are and, God willing, the proposals we receive will reflect this same spirit,” His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael said.

The RFP seeks a rich, long-term understanding of how a collaboration would enhance the vision and work of both the parish and the Metropolis. Specifically, the

RFP asks participating parishes to help satisfy the Metropolis of Chicago's needs, which include: support for the Vision for Growth; adequate physical space requirements for current operations; a forecast for expansion of building space and facilities; and a long-term ministries growth plan.

Parishes are instructed to focus their proposal on the spirit and objectives of the RFP, with a lesser focus upon financing ability and methods.

The 15 parishes were selected based on their proximity to the City of Chicago. Preference will be given to a parish campus within the City of Chicago, but a compelling proposal from a suburban parish will be seriously considered and therefore are highly encouraged. The 15 parishes are:

1. Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago
2. Assumption, Chicago
3. Holy Cross, Justice
4. Holy Apostles, Westchester
5. Holy Taxiarchai & St. Haralambos, Niles
6. Holy Trinity, Schiller Park
7. Saint Andrew, Chicago
8. Saint Basil, Chicago
9. Saint Demetrios, Chicago
10. Saint Demetrios, Elmhurst
11. Saint George, Chicago
12. Saint John the Baptist, Des Plaines
13. Saint Nicholas, Oak Lawn
14. Saint Spyridon, Palos Heights
15. Saints Constantine and Helen, Palos Hills

#### About the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago

Tracing its roots back to the early 1920s, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago is the bishopric of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, northern Indiana, and central Missouri, consisting of 58 parishes and two monastic communities. The Metropolis is one of nine eparchies in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and is presided over by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago. The general offices of the Metropolis are temporarily located in Lombard, Illinois. For more information and to get involved, visit our Metropolis website and/or sign up to receive Metropolis news. For further information, contact the Metropolis of Chicago at: [\[email protected\]](mailto:email_protected) or 312-736-2280.

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