



On Tuesday, May 20, 2020, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago made the following statement:

Following its [May 11 statement](#), the Metropolis of Chicago has issued guidance that would permit a greater number of parishioners to attend liturgical services provided that the conditions and protocols set forth in the guidance are strictly followed.

All faithful are strongly encouraged to carefully review the [guidance to parishes](#) outlining the permissible number of in-person attendees, permitted activities, and use of personal protective equipment, among other criteria. The faithful also are encouraged to contact their individual parishes with specific inquiries. We ask for your continued patience as parish leadership works to respond to your questions and concerns.

The Metropolis of Chicago has and will continue to be committed to providing for both the spiritual needs and physical safety of its faithful. While we pray and hope that the COVID-19 threat is quickly eradicated, the Metropolis of Chicago may need to reintroduce more restrictive guidance should future circumstances demand it.

Above all, we wish to underscore that individual actions can and will affect the broader community. The safety of our fellow brothers and sisters must be the responsibility of all those who participate in communal worship and activities in our churches.

The Metropolis of Chicago greatly appreciates the painstaking work performed by clergy and lay professionals of diverse backgrounds and expertise to develop the guidance in a timely manner. We continue to ask for prayers for our brethren and neighbors, especially for the first responders, those who are sick or who have passed, and for our public officials throughout our Holy Metropolis.

About the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago

Tracing its roots back to 1923, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago is the diocese of Greek Orthodox faithful in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, northern Indiana, and southeastern Missouri, consisting of 58 parishes and two monastic communities. The Metropolis is one of nine regions in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and is presided over by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael. The general offices of the Metropolis are temporarily located in Lombard, Illinois. For more information and to get involved, visit our [website](#), join a [Strategic Planning Team](#), sign up to receive [Metropolis news](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

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