



**On Sunday, December 29, 2019, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael made the following statement regarding Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church:**

“Today the Holy Trinity community celebrated the final Divine Liturgy at its location in Chicago’s Belmont Cragin neighborhood. This was a day filled with mixed emotions for me as Metropolitan and for the parishioners of Holy Trinity. As we look ahead to the new year and beyond, one thing is certain: we remain grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ, Who shall serve as the rock upon which the future of Holy Trinity will be established.

“By God’s grace, members of sister parishes have stepped forward and joined members of the Holy Trinity community to volunteer their time and talent on the Interim Parish Council, which, over the next year, will help the parish secure a vibrant future. Currently, more than \$25,000 has been pledged by sister parishes and individuals to support Holy Trinity in her transition. Moreover, office and sacred space has been offered to the Holy Trinity faithful to continue prayer, worship, fellowship and parish operations. Even as one chapter closes, we see the Body of Christ coming together energetically to write the next chapter in the history of Holy Trinity.

“As we are reminded by the Holy Scriptures, when faced with uncertainty and adversity, we are called to remain ‘strong and courageous; not frightened or dismayed, for the Lord our God is with us wherever we go’ (Joshua 1:9). My beloved, I am prayerful that the future of Holy Trinity is a bright one because God has taken us by the right hand and says to us, ‘Do not fear; I will help you’ (Isaiah 41:13).”

Addresses for Holy Trinity’s temporary worship and office locations are below:

Temporary Worship Location:  
St. Lazarus Chapel  
Ridgewood Memorial Park  
9900 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Des Plaines, IL, 60016

Temporary Office Location:  
2644 E. Dempster  
Suite 201  
Park Ridge, IL, 60068

### **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 Elk Grove Village, Illinois. For more information and to get involved, visit our [website](#), join a [Strategic Planning Team](#), and sign up to receive [Metropolis news](#).

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