



## Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate elects Chancellor Timothy Bakakos as Auxiliary Bishop for the Metropolis of Chicago

**LOMBARD, IL, October 6, 2020** – The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago announced today that the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate unanimously elected Fr. Timothy Bakakos, Chancellor of the Metropolis of Chicago, Bishop of Hexamilion.

“I’m honored and humbled beyond words by the paternal love of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and for the trust of the members of the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,” said His Grace Bishop-elect Timothy. “In accepting this responsibility, I pledge to work harder and live the Gospel more authentically as I continue to serve Christ and His people.”

As an Auxiliary Bishop, His Grace will support and extend the hierarchical ministry of Metropolitan Nathanael across the six states of the Metropolis of Chicago. His Grace also will continue to serve as Chancellor of the Metropolis.

“From the beginning of my ministry as Metropolitan of Chicago, I recognized the character, devotion, and professionalism of His Grace Bishop-elect Timothy—essential qualities this Metropolis needs for continued change and growth,” said His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael. “For more than forty years, Bishop-elect Timothy has served our Metropolis as a good and faithful servant of the Lord, and I am thankful to God to have him working at my side as a Hierarch of the Church.”

His Grace Bishop-elect Timothy’s biographical information can be found [HERE](#).



### 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](#), and sign up to receive [Metropolis news](#).

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