



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΣΙΚΑΓΟΥ

On Monday, April 19, 2021, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago made the following statement:

Yesterday, April 18, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael began experiencing acute, persistent pain that was unusual in nature and unrelated to COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, His Eminence was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where he was admitted and treated. His Eminence now is recuperating and is expected to resume his day-to-day responsibilities in the near future. On the advice of attending physicians, His Eminence regrets that he will be unable to fulfill his commitments related to Holy Week and possibly Bright Week.

His Eminence is grateful that he is surrounded by highly capable clergy and lay leaders so that the life of the Metropolis continues while he recovers.

While he recovers, His Eminence asks only for prayers from the faithful for a speedy and complete recovery as he is eager to resume his day-to-day responsibilities as Metropolitan.

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](#).

For Media Inquiries Only:

Chris Varones

312-213-3887

chris.varones@aesopgroup.com