



**On Saturday, May 30, 2020 the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago made the following statement:**

As the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago continues to reunite the faithful with their parish homes, it is taking steps to ensure that this reunion is grounded on the sacramental life of the Church. Today, the Metropolis of Chicago has offered its clergy special rubrics and guidelines for celebrating the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Unction. Effective immediately, provided that parishes adhere to Orders and Directives as [set forth by the Metropolis of Chicago](#) and by local authorities, the clergy are able to offer the sacraments of healing and reconciliation.

In the coming days, the Metropolis of Chicago will finalize additional, specialized rubrics for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and Marriage. A training video will be provided to the clergy so that they may safely celebrate the sacraments of initiation and matrimony during these challenging times.

Commenting on the steps taken, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago stated: “For almost three months, the faithful of our Metropolis have done their part in the common fight against COVID-19. I am humbled by our people’s love for their neighbor. They have patiently remained isolated in their homes. However, the time has come for them to be reunited with their parish homes. Participating in the sacramental life of the Church is an integral part of this reunion.”

#### **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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