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Metropolis of Chicago launches new podcast series designed to train and educate the faithful on parish-based servant leadership

Lombard, IL, June 3, 2022. The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago today announced the launch of its new podcast-style educational series, *Called to Lead: An Orthodox Christian Perspective*. Primarily intended for parish council members, heads of ministry, and volunteer coordinators, the series is envisioned to be a leadership development program rooted in Orthodox Christian ideas and values.

The program was developed by the Metropolis' Lay Leadership Strategic Plan Goal Team, which settled on a podcast-style format to deliver its leadership tutorials anytime, anywhere. The series is available on the Metropolis website at: <https://chicago.goarch.org/called-to-lead/>.

“We are delighted with the concise, high quality content of this series and pleased to offer it to lay and clergy leaders throughout the Metropolis. Whether at home, in the car, on a walk, or even at parish council meetings, we believe strongly that this series will offer much to lay and clergy leaders to contemplate, discuss, and act on,” said Mary Scott and Dimitri Fardelos, members of the Lay Leadership Strategic Plan Goal Team.

The podcast series has six episodes—5-30 minutes each—for a total of just over two hours for all six episodes. The episodes feature the following guest speakers:

- Ep. 1: *Orthodox Christian Leadership*, w/ Rev. Dr. Dn. Perry Hamalis – North Central College, Naperville, IL
- Ep. 2: *Developing your Servant Leadership Qualities*, w/ Fr. Timothy Sas – St. Mary's, Minneapolis, MN
- Ep. 3: *How to Develop Volunteer Teams*, w/ Fr. Chrysanthos Kerkeres – St. George, Chicago, IL
- Ep. 4: *Ethical Negotiations*, w/ Fr. Doug Papulis – St. Nicholas, St. Louis, MO.
- Ep. 5: *Dealing with Difficult Situations and Conflict Resolution*, w/ Fr. Dustin Lyon – Twelve Holy Apostles Church, Duluth, MN
- Ep. 6: *Basic On-boarding and Orientation to the Parish Council and Ministries*, w/ Fr. Andrew Karamitos – St. Sophia, Elgin, IL



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“Our Holy Metropolis is blessed by the talent, knowledge, and insight of our clergy and lay leaders. Paying these God-given gifts forward is one of the most important actions we can take as a Metropolis. We hope and pray for good deeds to multiply among our parishes in the spirit of Proverbs, ‘As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another,’” said His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael.

The Metropolis wishes to acknowledge and thank the members of the Lay Leadership Strategic Plan Goal Team for their tireless work in developing this podcast program. Members include: Demetri Fardelos (Co-Chair, St. Demetrios, Libertyville, IL), Harry Fournier (Co-Chair, St. Demetrios, Elmhurst, IL), Chris Limperis (Assumption, Chicago, IL), Mary Scott (St. Andrew, South Bend, IN and St. Sophia, Elgin, IL), Anna Sikoral (St. Haralambos, Niles, IL), and Nikki Vulgaris (All Saints, Peoria, IL).

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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.

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