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2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. OUR METROPOLIS

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, as I reflect on the life of our Metropolis, my heart is filled with deep gratitude and hope for the sacred work we are blessed to share as One Faith and One Family. Across our six states and fifty-eight parishes, I see the faithfulness of our clergy, the devotion of our laity, the strength of our parishes and ministries, and the love of communities united in service to Christ and His Church. Each person, in his or her own way, offers a precious gift to our shared mission.

This Impact Report is more than an overview of activity; it is a testimony to what is possible when we walk together in faith, generosity, and purpose. Within these pages, you will see how our Metropolis community is caring for and supporting our clergy, strengthening and equipping our parishes, extending compassionate philanthropic outreach, and investing in the spiritual growth and leadership of our youth. You will also see an account of our financial stewardship and sacramental life—reflecting both the spiritual vitality and responsible leadership that sustain our shared mission.

I offer heartfelt thanks to our board members, staff, and donors, whose dedication and generosity help bring our vision to life and strengthen the future of our Church. May this report inspire gratitude for our shared blessings and renewed commitment to the holy work God has placed before us.

With paternal love and blessings in Christ,



+ NATHANAEL
Metropolitan of Chicago



The cover celebrates the six-state Metropolis of Chicago through iconic landmarks and landscapes. From left to right: Greek Orthodox Annunciation Cathedral and the Willis Tower (Illinois), Iowa cornfields, the Mayo Clinic (Minnesota), a Wisconsin lighthouse, the Gateway Arch (Missouri), and the University of Notre Dame (Indiana).

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



EXPERIENCE THE 2025 CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY

Thank you to our clergy, delegates, volunteers, and faithful who made the 2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly a powerful moment of unity and forward momentum. Together, we strengthened our shared mission and charted a bold path for the future of the Metropolis of Chicago.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS & OUTCOMES



City of Chicago to Be
the New Location for
Metropolis Offices

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Metropolitan Nathanael Appoints
New Chancellor and Vicar
General of Metropolis

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2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly
Advances Growth, Renewed
Investment, and Expanding Ministry

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KEY SESSIONS

Metropolitan's Welcome
His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael

Our Vision Pillars

St. Iakovos Retreat Center
Ted Pappas & Peggy Papaioannou

Keynote: Hellenic College
Holy Cross (HCHC)
Dr. Demetrios S. Katos, PhD.

YAL: Rooted & Rising: Leadership,
Philanthropy, Faith

Growing in Our Faith:
Pilgrimage of Discovery
Cally Kobza

Keynote – The Landscape of
Christianity in America
Thom S. Rainer

[Panel Discussion] The Orthodox Church:
In the world, not of the world, but bearing
fruit for the salvation of the world



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from the Clergy-Laity Assembly.

2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

On Plan. On Budget.

2025 concluded in accordance with approved financial plans and budget expectations.

Five Consecutive Clean Audits

The 2024 financial audit marked the fifth consecutive year the Metropolis received an unmodified ("clean") audit opinion. The 2025 audit is currently in process.

248 Delegates. One Unified Vision.

Attendees of the 2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly unanimously approved the 2026–2027 Metropolis Budget.

Greater Transparency & Accountability

The new budget model provides increased clarity and detail while directly connecting financial investments to the Metropolis' Five Vision Pillars



Scan to view the
2026-2027 Budget

Responsible Stewardship. Transparent Planning. Strong Financial Oversight.

The Metropolis of Chicago remains committed to the responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to it by the faithful. In 2025, the Metropolis finished the year on plan and on budget, reflecting disciplined financial management and a continued focus on supporting ministries that advance our mission.

Building upon this strong foundation, the Metropolis introduced a new Finance Committee composed of parish presidents and treasurers from across the Metropolis. Working collaboratively, this committee helped develop the 2026–2027 budget, ensuring greater parish involvement, accountability, and transparency in the budgeting process.

The resulting budget provides enhanced detail and clarity, directly aligning investments with the Metropolis' Five Vision Pillars and strategic priorities.

2025 was a year defined by growth, collaboration, and shared purpose. Through an open dialogue, we strengthened transparency and understanding among parish presidents and treasurers, enabling us to build a new budget that reflects both unity and trust. Thanks to the leadership of our steering committee, we established a higher standard of accuracy and clarity that will guide us well into the future.



Peter Coules
Co-Treasurer
Metropolis of Chicago



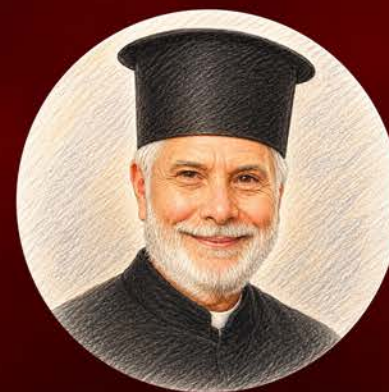
Paul Rentzelos
Co-Treasurer
Metropolis of Chicago

2025 SACRAMENTS BY THE NUMBERS



2025 was a year of remarkable growth across our Metropolis. Parish life flourished, with conversions and Chrismations from diverse faith backgrounds. Sacramental activity also reached record levels, including historic numbers of marriages and baptisms, reflecting both the vitality of our Metropolis and the continued growth of Orthodoxy.

Our new online system proved highly effective, allowing secure, efficient data collection and simplifying sacramental requests for parishes. This streamlined process is being implemented nationally. We are proud that our Metropolis served as the pilot for this initiative, showing leadership and innovation in its implementation.



Deacon Antonios Calash
Metropolis of Chicago Registrar

CLERGY LEADERS

COHORT #1 (2023- 2024) COMPLETE

His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael

Fr. Chris Avramopoulos

Fr. Ciprian Sas

Fr. Chrysanthos Kerkeres

Fr. Panagiotis Boznos

Fr. Rick Andrews

COHORT #2 (2024- 2025) COMPLETE

His Grace Bishop Dionysios

Fr. Tilemahos Alikakos

Fr. Basil Hickman

Fr. Demetrios Kounavis

Fr. George Lamberis

Fr. Dustin Lyon

Fr. Sotirios Malamis

Fr Theofanis Rauch

COHORT #3 (2025- 2026) IN PROCESS

Fr. Demetrios Burikas

Fr. Nicholas Hubbard

Fr. Kosmas Kallis

Fr. Luke Melackrinos

Fr. Chris Mihalopoulos

Fr. Patrick O'Rourke

Fr. Anastasios Theodoropoulos

Fr. Dimitri Tobias

Clergy Leadership Accelerator: Equipping Our Clergy to Lead with Purpose

In partnership with Dn. Michael Hyatt and Full Focus, we launched a two-year leadership development program in 2023 to help clergy lead with greater purpose, balance, and effectiveness. Led by the professional coaches at Eden's View, the program combines retreats, group coaching, and individual mentorship to complement seminary training with practical leadership skills. To date, fourteen clergy have completed the program. Sixteen additional clergymen began the program in 2025, which is ongoing.

"I am deeply grateful to His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, St. Haralambos Parish, and the Metropolis of Chicago for making my participation in the Leadership Accelerator Program possible. The experience provided valuable time for reflection, renewed vision for ministry, and meaningful fellowship with fellow clergy. Most impactful was the mentorship of cohort leader Scott Caldwell, whose guidance and leadership insight proved invaluable during one of the most challenging seasons of my 25 years in ministry."



Fr. Tilemahos Alikakos
Holy Taxiarchi & St. Haralambos
Niles, Illinois

"Under the leadership of Fr. Tilemahos Alikakos, Holy Taxiarchi & St. Haralambos in Niles, Illinois, has flourished through a clear vision, strong leadership, and a commitment to excellence. Expanded ministries, increased engagement, strengthened stewardship, and the addition of full-day 1st and 2nd grades have helped grow both the parish and its schools. His leadership has positioned the community for continued growth and impact."



Tom Sikoral
Parish Council President
Holy Taxiarchi & St. Haralambos



"I am grateful to His Eminence for investing in the well-being and growth of his clergy. The Leadership Accelerator Program helped me better prioritize my responsibilities as a parish priest, husband, father, and child of God. The tools and insights gained through the program continue to guide me as I navigate challenges and grow in my ministry to Christ and His Church."

- **Fr. Basil Hickman, St. George | Des Moines, IA**



The Leadership Accelerator Program helped me become a more effective leader by providing practical tools for visioning, leadership, and sustainable ministry. As I began serving a new parish, the program and personalized coaching helped me stay focused on my goals while maintaining a healthy balance between ministry and personal life. I am deeply grateful for this investment in my growth as a pastor and clergyman.

- **Fr. Dustin Lyon, Twelve Holy Apostles | Duluth, MN.**



"The Leadership Accelerator Program has strengthened both my life and ministry by helping me lead with greater clarity, courage, and peace. Through one-on-one coaching, I gained practical tools to navigate challenges, make difficult decisions, manage my time more intentionally, and maintain a healthier balance between ministry and family life. Most importantly, it has helped me serve Christ and my parish with greater confidence, freedom, and joy."

- **Fr. Theofanis Rauch, All Saints | Peoria, IL**



"For All Saints, the Leadership Accelerator has strengthened parish life by supporting Fr. Theofanis with practical coaching tailored to the realities of priesthood. Building on his pastoral gifts, the program has fostered healthier shared ministry, helping keep his leadership grounded while inviting the parish community to more fully participate in the work of the Church."

- **George Sarraf, Parish Council President, All Saints | Peoria, IL**



"The Leadership Accelerator has helped me develop a healthier work-life balance while strengthening my leadership capacity for both my parish and personal life. Through the program, I learned to navigate resistance more effectively by seeking to understand the culture behind it rather than expecting others to understand me. This shift has made me a more effective, patient, and resilient leader."

Fr. Nicholas Hubbard, Holy Anargyroi | Rochester, MN

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO
PARISH GROWTH
2025 BY THE NUMBERS

50% INCREASE

ADULT BAPTISMS GREW
FROM 107 TO 161 IN 2025

191 CHRISMATIONS
HIGHEST TOTAL EVER
RECORDED

815 BAPTISMS
HIGHEST TOTAL SINCE 2015



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Register feature on St. George

A New Generation Is Discovering Orthodoxy

Parish Highlight: St. George GOC, Des Moines, IA

Across the Metropolis of Chicago, a renewed spirit of growth is taking root. In parishes large and small, new people are discovering the beauty of Orthodox worship, seeking deeper meaning, and finding a place to belong.

At St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Des Moines, Iowa, Fr. Basil Hickman has witnessed this transformation firsthand. After more than two decades of ministry, he has seen an unexpected surge of new faces entering parish life—not because of major new programs, but because people are being drawn to the authenticity of the Orthodox faith and the warmth of Christ-centered communities.

“They are seeking something deeper. They are searching for Truth. They are longing for a place where they truly belong.”

This renewed momentum is being felt throughout the Metropolis. Young adults, families, seekers, and converts are finding a spiritual home in our parishes, strengthening communities and bringing new energy, hope, and purpose to parish life.

As new faces become brothers and sisters in Christ, we are witnessing the fruits of faithful ministry and the promise of a vibrant future for the Church.



“There is a fresh sense of momentum, energy, and hope. New faces are becoming brothers and sisters, and our communities are being strengthened in ways we could not have imagined.”

- Fr. Basil Hickman, St. George | Des Moines, IA

A Growing Community of Faith and Welcome

Parish Highlight: St. Mary GOC, Minneapolis, MN

Like many Orthodox parishes across the country, St. Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis is experiencing a remarkable increase in visitors—especially young families and young adults seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

To thoughtfully welcome this growing community, the parish expanded its Welcome & Hospitality Ministry, creating intentional pathways for newcomers to explore and embrace the Orthodox faith through education, mentorship, and meaningful relationships.

Impact: Through hospitality, discipleship, and personal mentorship, St. Mary is helping seekers become lifelong members of the Body of Christ—demonstrating how authentic welcome and faithful witness continue to transform lives.



"People are searching for something real—truth, belonging, and a deeper relationship with God. When the Church welcomes them with authentic love, intentional discipleship, and Christ-centered community, lives are transformed. That is the joy and mission we are privileged to witness every day."

- Fr. Timothy Sas, St. Mary GOC | Minneapolis, MN

ST. MARY'S GOC BY THE NUMBERS

50+ ACTIVE SEEKERS &
CATECHUMENS

100+ ANNUAL
CATECHISM STUDENTS

30+ ATTEND
MONTHLY SEEKER
CONVERSATIONS

550-600 WORSHIP
EACH SUNDAY

St. Louis Vicariate Spotlight:

A Movement of Faith Across Our Parishes

Across Illinois and Missouri, parishes are experiencing a remarkable increase in visitors, catechumens, and new Orthodox Christians. Young families, young adults, and seekers from diverse backgrounds are discovering the timeless truth of the Orthodox faith—and finding a welcoming community where they belong.

St. Louis Vicariate By the Numbers

- 95+ people embraced the Orthodox Faith through Baptism or Chrismation
- 17 regular catechumens and 10 additional inquirers at Assumption Parish
- 40% stewardship growth at Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church
- 12 new converts actively serving in ministry at Saints Constantine & Helen
- 28 new Orthodox Christians welcomed at All Saints, most of them young families

"Across the Saint Louis Vicariate, we are witnessing something extraordinary. People are coming to our parishes searching for truth, stability, and an authentic relationship with Christ. They are finding more than beautiful worship—they are finding a welcoming community where lives are being transformed through the timeless witness of Orthodox Christianity."



Fr. Douglas Papulis
Saint Louis Vicariate

OUR PHILANTHROPY



PHILOTOCHOS CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT ST. DEMETRIOS | LIBERTYVILLE, IL

Feeding families, uplifting students, and standing with those who serve. With love in action, this chapter supports students in need through Operation Classroom and honors those who serve through local veteran outreach.

HOMELESS CHILDREN

- For more than 5 years, the Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Demetrios (Libertyville) have served homeless children in District 60 (Waukegan, IL) with food, clothing, and essentials.

VETERANS & ACTIVE MILITARY

- For more than 4 years, they have supported veterans, active military, and their families through the **Midwest Veterans Closet**. This work is strengthened by a matching-grant partnership with the Chicago Hellenic Foundation through the Midwest Veterans Closet.
- **Thanksgiving:** With the support of Fr. John Sardis, members prepared and delivered 100 turkey dinners for District 60 (Operation Classroom) and 400 turkey dinners for the Midwest Veterans Closet—personally placing meals into the hands of military families.
- **Christmas:** the chapter prepared and personally distributed 500 roast pork dinners to retired and active military families.

2025 PHILOPTOCHOS ALL CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS



\$94,000+

in Critical Assistance for rent, utilities,
medical & urgent needs provided
through Philanthropy Fund



300,000+ Meals
served Metropolis-wide



\$24,000+ Invested

impacting 6,800 Students through
Operation Classroom initiative.



200+ Blankets

handmade and delivered supporting
children at U of I Pediatric Hospital



480 Children Dressed

distributed to tornado-impacted families in St. Louis,
as well as partners in Mexico and local shelters.



1,000+ Toiletry Kits

for Guardian Angels & Wings of Hope collected and
distributed at Metropolis Christmas Celebration



\$40,000+

to support the St. Iakovos
Retreat Center

OUR YOUTH. OUR IMPACT.

Project HOPE continues to demonstrate how faith in action can transform communities across the Midwest. In 2025, the youth of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago played a leading role in serving neighbors in need through hands-on service projects, food distributions, and outreach initiatives. From YAL conferences and Fanari Camp sessions to citywide service partnerships, hundreds of young people united to live their faith through compassion, generosity, and service.



FAITH IN ACTION AT FANARI CAMP

During the second annual Fanari Project HOPE service initiative, more than 600 campers in grades 6–12 participated across four summer camp sessions to make a meaningful impact in their communities. Together, they hand-packed more than 800 food bags, which were donated to Southern Lakes Love and other local food pantries to support neighbors in need.

“The support provided to our food pantry by Project HOPE at Camp Fanari has allowed us to offer increased meaningful support to our community.”

— **Seraphim “Chris” Wilson**
Family Service Manager
Southern Lakes Area Love



20,000 MEALS

Served in West Garfield Park
Through Project HOPE's 5th Annual
Thanksgiving Distribution.



8,000+ MEALS

More than 60 HOPE volunteers provided meals,
fellowship, and activities at the Pilsen Satellite Center.

*Dear Metropolis of Chicago,
Project HOPE,
Thank you so much for
your generous gift this past
Christmas.
You added such
a warm and welcome touch
to the holidays.*

\$4,800+ Provided

Project HOPE's Holiday Assistance Program
helped 96+ families in need during the holidays.

500+ VOLUNTEERS UNITED IN SERVICE

Project HOPE's 3rd Annual YAL Conference Service Initiative Provided 500 HOPE Bags
one of Chicago's biggest food deserts and food insecure neighborhoods.



PROJECT HOPE BY THE NUMBERS

2.16 MILLION
SERVED SINCE 2020

500,000 MEALS
SERVED IN 2025 ALONE

1,100 YOUTH
VOLUNTEERS &
CAMPER ENGAGED

20,000
THANKSGIVING MEALS
DISTRIBUTED

8,000 MEALS
SERVED TO CHICAGO SENIORS

800+ FOOD BAGS
PACKED AT FANARI CAMP

500 HOPE BAGS
ASSEMBLED AT YAL CONFERENCE

SIRC

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

\$800K

IN EARNED REVENUE

\$342K

IN CONTRIBUTIONS

\$1.08M

OPERATION EXPENSES
(excludes depreciation)

\$22K

DEBT CRUSHERS
CONTRIBUTIONS

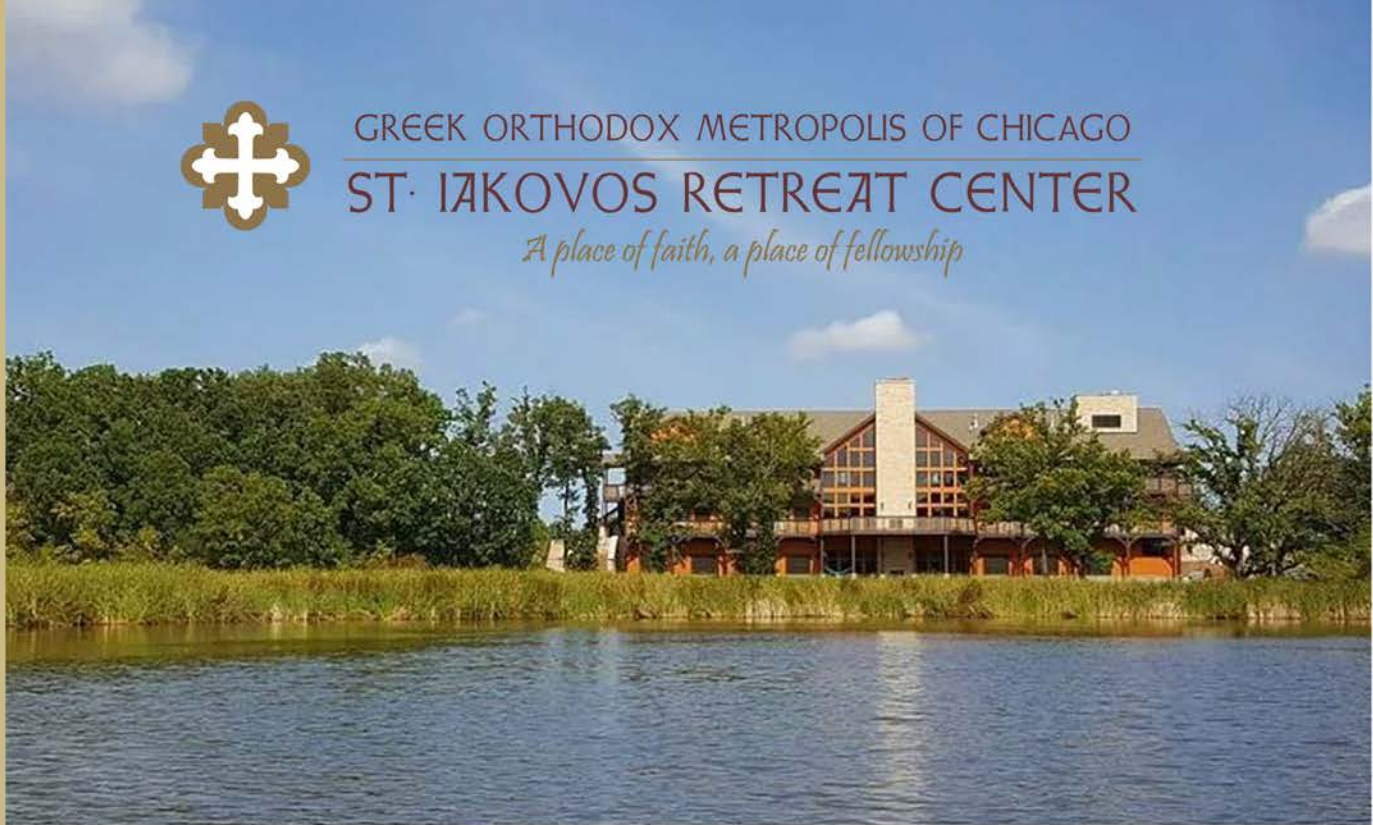
\$2.2M

MORTGAGE DEBT BALANCE
(as of 12/31/25)



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO
ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER

A place of faith, a place of fellowship



SIRC: Moving Forward, Together

In 2025, the Metropolis of Chicago began a thoughtful process to evaluate the future of the St. Iakovos Retreat Center (SIRC), ensuring it remains a vibrant and sustainable ministry for generations to come. Through prayerful discernment, open dialogue, and shared responsibility, clergy and laity are working together to strengthen SIRC's mission and long-term impact.

A Shared Commitment

Following a series of informational town halls, delegates at the 2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly unanimously approved a two-year budget that includes \$700,000 in support for SIRC, demonstrating the commitment of parishes across the Metropolis to the Retreat Center's future.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE

1. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Reducing debt and strengthening SIRC's financial foundation to support long-term ministry.

2. MISSION & GROWTH

Expanding outreach and increasing retreat participation through enhanced marketing and engagement.

3. OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Evaluating current operations and future needs to ensure responsible stewardship of resources.

4. TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Maintaining open communication, ongoing evaluation, and clear reporting throughout the discernment process.



"The future of SIRC is about more than facilities or finances. It is an opportunity for the faithful across the Metropolis to prayerfully discern how best to advance Christ's mission. Through collaboration, stewardship, and shared commitment, we continue moving forward—together."

- **Thomas Kotsinis**, SIRC Board President





METROPOLIS FOUNDATION KEY MILESTONES

MAY 2022

Foundation incorporated as a
501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

JANUARY 2023

Board members seated on the Foundation

NOVEMBER 2023

The Foundation receives **\$250,000** gift

SEPTEMBER 2024

The Foundation announces
\$1 million pledge

JANUARY 2026

The Foundation announces
\$2.9 million bequest

A LEGACY OF FAITH AND LOVE: THE SERVANT LEADERSHIP OF ANDY EFTHIM

In 2025, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Foundation received a historic \$2.9 million bequest from the estate of Andy Efthim, a devoted parishioner of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in St. Louis, MO. This transformational gift—the largest in the history of both the Foundation and the Metropolis—will help strengthen the Church and support future generations.

Known for his humility, generosity, and quiet faith, Mr. Efthim exemplified servant leadership and a life dedicated to Christ. Through his extraordinary bequest, he leaves a lasting legacy that will help advance the ministries, parishes, and mission of the Metropolis for years to come.

This landmark gift brings the Foundation significantly closer to achieving its goal of providing long-term financial support for the ministries and initiatives that serve Orthodox Christians throughout the Midwest.



THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Because of your generosity, the Metropolis of Chicago continues to strengthen our parishes, support our clergy, engage and inspire our youth, serve our communities, and advance a vision rooted in faith, stewardship, and long-term sustainability.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every donor whose support makes this work possible. Your trust and commitment are helping build a stronger, more vibrant, and hope-filled future for the faithful throughout our Metropolis.

Special thanks to our grant partners for their generous support:



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Together, we are creating lasting impact, expanding ministry opportunities, and advancing the mission of the Church for generations to come.

Your generosity is a blessing. Your partnership is essential. Your impact is immeasurable.

OUR METROPOLIS LEADERS

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As we reflect on another year of ministry, growth, and service throughout the Metropolis of Chicago, I extend my deepest gratitude to every member of our Metropolis who participated in the town halls, assemblies, and other Metropolis-wide events held throughout the year. Your engagement, commitment, and willingness to share your time and talents continue to strengthen the bonds that unite us as one spiritual family.

— **George Lattas**

First Vice Chair, Metropolis of Chicago



IN LOVING MEMORY



HIS GRACE BISHOP TIMOTHY OF HEXAMILION

In the radiant promise of eternal life, we honor the memory of His Grace Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion, who fell asleep in the Lord after more than forty years of faithful service. A true son of Chicago, his journey from altar boy to respected hierarch was marked by deep faith, humility, and compassion.

Whether serving parish communities, ministering as a mental health chaplain, or guiding social service ministries, Bishop Timothy devoted his life to caring for others. As Chancellor and later Bishop, his wisdom, leadership, and pastoral heart helped shape the Metropolis of Chicago and touched countless lives.

He leaves a lasting spiritual legacy of kindness, perseverance, and faithful service. May his memory be eternal, and may he find peaceful rest among the righteous.



WHY WE EXIST

To share unconditionally Christ's love and mercy with the world.

OUR MISSION

We seek to bring all people to Christ through our people, parishes, and programs

OUR VISION

Unity in Christ has deepened our relationships with family, friends, and neighbors. We are growing a Church that bears fruit in the world.

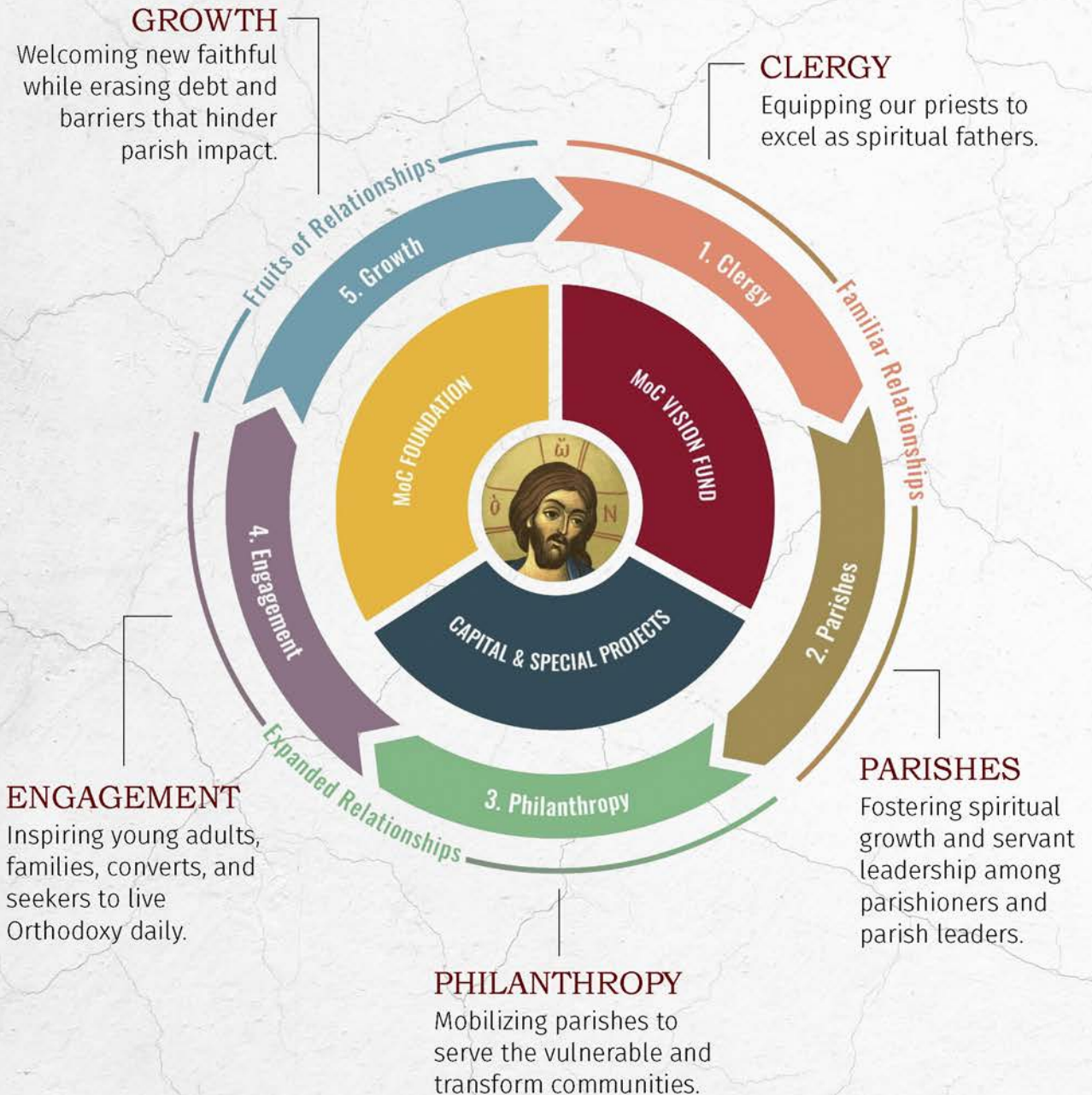
CORE VALUES

Christ-Centered | Humility | Love | Service | Candor | Adaptability



METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO

FIVE-YEAR VISION



2025 PROGRESS BY VISION PILLAR

Our board members and staff continue to make meaningful progress toward our long-term vision, advancing our shared goals with dedication, purpose, and faith. The following high-level overview of 2025 highlights and momentum achieved across the Vision Pillars.

PILLAR I: CLERGY

Our clergy continue to lead with faith, resilience, and renewed purpose. In 2025, meaningful progress was achieved through the **Leadership Accelerator Program**, with 30 clergy completing the program; strengthened support for **Clergy Wellness** through the new **“Thriving In Ministry” Program** and the appointment of a new **Vicar of Clergy Care**; expanded **Clergy Formation & Support** through retreats, sabbaticals, and other formation opportunities; and the publication of **Called To Serve**, which continues to inspire clergy in their sacred calling and shared ministry.

PILLAR II: PARISHES

Parish and clergy alignment advanced through the implementation of a **Regional Vicariate System**, the establishment of a new **Vicariate Council**, and expanded stewardship support and resources offered to all parishes through the **Metropolis Stewardship Ministry**.

PILLAR III: PHILANTHROPY

Our programs expanded efforts to encourage giving and invite new community members into service and outreach. Key efforts were led and coordinated by **Project Hope**, **Philoptochos**, and **local parish initiatives**. Together, as a Metropolis, we are proud of **serving over 800,000 meals and giving more than \$100,000** to community members in need of shelter, medical, and other urgent needs.

PILLAR IV: ENGAGEMENT

Metropolis-wide parish and community engagement is growing through expanded **educational resources**, **a stronger online presence**, and **increased community outreach**. Growth in adult baptisms and chrismations reflects this renewed engagement.

PILLAR V: GROWTH

Through grants and monthly donor support, we are building a strong and faithful foundation for our parishes and ministries. In 2025, this commitment was reflected in **\$578,000 in grants** and **\$1,420,000 in gifts and donations**. Every donor's generosity helps bring this mission to life, sustaining ministries, inspiring service, and opening new doors for faith-filled growth.



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