

# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO FOUNDATION

The Metropolis of Chicago Foundation exists to ensure the long-term stability, vibrancy, and growth of the Metropolis of Chicago *over generations*.



## Why

The Foundation and its board, staff, and volunteers are motivated to help the Church in the Midwest grow including growth in sacramental participation, growth in the reach and impact of the Metropolis of Chicago's ministries and programs, and growth in the number of believers.

## Who

Led by some of the best professionals in investment services, law, accounting, and wealth management, and supported by world-class financial and legal advisors (Morgan Stanley and Seyfarth Shaw), the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Foundation exists to think and act over the span of generations.

## What

The Metropolis of Chicago Foundation is a separate, independent nonprofit entity from the Metropolis of Chicago. Donors can have peace of mind that their gifts will be invested and distributed in a professional, accountable, and transparent manner.

## How

In strict accordance with its bylaws and spending policy, the Metropolis of Chicago Foundation will make regular distributions to the Metropolis of Chicago. Distributions will be used to support current and future Metropolis initiatives, some of which include: clergy leadership/development (e.g., Higher Calling); ministries and programs (e.g., Project HOPE); Metropolis affiliated organizations (e.g., St. Iakovos Retreat Center and Philoptochos); and parish needs (e.g., clergy wellness; capital projects).

- **NOVEMBER 2019**  
Foundation approved by delegates at 2019 Clergy-Laity Assembly
- **OCTOBER 2020**  
Search for board members begins
- **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 receives \$1 million gift



## METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO 5 YEAR VISION

By providing long-term financial support to the Metropolis of Chicago, the Foundation is supporting the revitalization of parish life from the ground up—including His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael's Christ-centered 5-year vision.

For more information, visit:

[www.chicago.goarch.org/vision](http://www.chicago.goarch.org/vision)

