



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

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## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΣΙΚΑΓΟΥ

June 25, 2021

To the Reverend Fathers and  
Esteemed Members of Parish Councils of the Holy Metropolis of Chicago,

On June 24, 2021, the Metropolis sent your parish the official notice to submit its official delegation to the 2021 Metropolis of Chicago Clergy-Laity Assembly (CLA), which is scheduled to take place in the St. Louis, Missouri from October 7-10. As the planning committee continues to make progress, we will post all updates to the dedicated CLA webpage (<https://www.chicago.goarch.org/clergy-laity>).

Today, I take this opportunity to introduce to you to our process for nominating candidates for election to the Archdiocesan Council, the Metropolis Council, and the Metropolis Audit Committee. Since the last elections in 2019, we have received critical feedback from the faithful and have made updates to our nomination process. We believe these changes will help enhance inclusivity, transparency, and accountability in the governance of our Metropolis.

Of special note is the establishment of a *Metropolis of Chicago Commitment Expectations and Competency Matrix* for the Metropolis Council. This new resource highlights important skillsets being sought and offers a description of the responsibilities and expectations of Metropolis Council Members. It also provides a brief description of the responsibilities and expectations of Metropolis Audit Committee Members and Archdiocesan Council Members. Nominating Committees are asked to refer to the document when considering potential nominees. Moreover, before accepting a nomination, stewards are asked to use the resource to help them reflect upon what is being asked of them.

As we continue on our shared journey to Christ, I am excited about what lies ahead for our community. To prepare for the future, it is, of course, important to remain vigilant and to prepare ourselves; however, it is more important to remain faithful to Christ our God, Who *instructs us and teaches us the way we should proceed* (Psalm 32: 8).

With paternal love in Christ,

+NATHANAEL  
Metropolitan of Chicago