



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΣΙΚΑΓΟΥ

August 20, 2018

Beloved family of the Holy Metropolis of Chicago,

What is our future and where do we want our metropolis and parishes to go? How do we best establish parishes and ministries where joy, peace and the love of Jesus Christ abound? The vision and labors of preceding generations have brought us to where we are today; it is our responsibility to rise to meet the new challenges and opportunities before us.

Our Lord reminds us of our need to be the *salt of the earth* and the *light of the world*. To respond to this invitation faithfully, our metropolis has embarked on a comprehensive strategic planning process. Modern strategic planning is not only used by the world's most successful businesses and non-profits, but it has been used by many faith-based organizations. Even other Orthodox Christian metropolises and parishes have utilized strategic planning as part of their mission.

A strategic plan is only as good as the data it considers. Therefore, I invite EVERY member of our metropolis family to provide their valuable input. Please refer to the 3-page document which asks you to identify the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats facing our metropolis. This is referred to as a "SWOT" analysis.

By **NO LATER THAN September 20th** we need you to please complete the last 2 pages (pages 2 and 3 - preferably by typing right into the WORD document) and then either email them to SWOT@chicago.goarch.org or mail them to the Metropolis:

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Thanking you in advance for your participation and dedication to our metropolis, I remain

With paternal love in Christ

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