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+Apostles Carpus & Alphaeus

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is Risen!

After the Divine Liturgy today I announced to all present that I will be leaving St. George Greek Orthodox Church. His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael asked me to accept an assignment to the Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church near Chicago Illinois. I have accepted this new challenge. The approximate time-table for me to leave is the end of June or early July. His Eminence cares for our parish community and is working diligently to assign a new pastor for His flock in the near future.

The decision to leave is not taken lightly. After twenty years of service, *Presvytera Jane* and I have deep roots in the parish and the community. Saying goodbye to friends, family colleagues and parishioners will be difficult, but we trust that Lord is leading us in this new direction for the benefit of all.

I am thankful for everyone's dedication to the improvement of our parish, including our sacred temple, facility, worship, ministries and programs. Some of those dedicated persons have fallen asleep in the Lord. May their memory be eternal! I have reaped where *Fathers Capoyiannes, Souliopoulos, Vasiliou, Rassias, Angelis and Parry Paraschou* have sown. I pray that I have planted seeds worthy of my successor.

Working closely with parish council, I will ensure a smooth transition, making sure that pending projects get finished and others will continue towards completion. I and parish council president *George Mastrogiorgis* will be in close contact with Metropolitan Nathanael regarding details of the transition.

I look forward to speaking to each one of you to express my personal thanks for all that you have done for me and the parish. Time will go quickly but thankfully we do have time to say goodbye.

Truly is Risen!

+Fr. Rick

✠ Rev. Fr. Richard Demetrius Andrews