



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO  
ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER<sup>INC.</sup>

*A place of faith, a place of fellowship*

For Immediate Release

For more information:

Chrysanthi Tiggas

262-864-9090

[ctiggas@GoSIRC.org](mailto:ctiggas@GoSIRC.org)

**The St. Iakovos Retreat Center Thanks the Board of Directors**

KANSASVILLE, WI, April 3, 2019—With the recent announcement of an interim Board President and the restructuring of the Board of Directors, the St. Iakovos Retreat Center (Retreat Center) would like to extend its deepest appreciation to its Board of Directors, some of whom will continue to serve on the restructured Board, for their long service and commitment to the Retreat Center:

Mr. Bill J Vranas – President  
Mr. Thomas Kanelos – Vice President  
Mr. Nick Kirkeles – Secretary  
Mr. Ted Pappas – Secretary  
Mr. Nick Karafotias – Treasurer  
Mr. Ernest Karras – Treasurer  
Mrs. Pam Argyris – Ex Officio  
Rev. Fr. Chris Avramopoulos  
Rev. Fr. Andrew Georganas  
Rev. Fr. Jim Grenias  
Rev. Fr. John Ketchum  
Rev. Fr. Theodore “Ted” Poteres  
Mr. George Haralampopoulos  
Rev. Fr. Kosmas Kallis – Ex Officio  
Rev. Fr. Christ Margellos – Ex Officio  
Mr. Harold Peponis  
Mr. Theodore Sepsis  
Mrs. Joanne Stavrakas



Under the leadership of President, Mr. Bill J. Vranas, the Board instituted numerous endeavors that not only preserved but considerably expanded the ministry of the Retreat Center, which most notably included making significant improvements to and undertaking an extensive expansion of the Retreat Center's buildings and grounds. This undertaking resulted in the Retreat Center expanding its overnight occupancy tenfold.

Since its establishment, guests of the Retreat Center, including Fanari Camp participants, have gathered to recreate, connect with God and one another and engage in experiences that help them grow and those blessings will continue for many more years. That vision will continue in earnest thanks to those Board members, staff and volunteers who have devoted their time, talent and treasure to the Retreat Center.

The Retreat Center is also thankful to His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael for his commitment and support of the Retreat Center's long-term viability and continued growth in serving all the faithful of our Metropolis.

We ask God to bless our Board of Directors and all the staff and volunteers of the Retreat Center for the fruit of their works. We are sincerely appreciative for all that they have offered to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago and the entire Orthodox community across this country.

###