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Blessings to the Vicars, Parish Managing Committee members, and all the faithful of our parishes in the Chicago area.

Dearly Beloved,

We take this opportunity to announce the retirement of our Very Rev. Dr. Kuriakose Thottupuram Chor-Episcopos from the active responsibilities of a parish. As you all know, our beloved Achen has been serving the St. Mary's Orthodox Church of Chicago for the past twenty-eight years. Achen was also the first priest to celebrate Holy Qurbana in Chicago. As the founder of the first parish and a leader of the community, we thank God for his vision, dedication, and sacrificial service to the people of Chicago despite his health conditions. We thank achen for many years of his ministry. Achen has defended Orthodoxy in every way and is one who is totally committed to the Faith and Traditions of the Church without any compromise. As he retires from the active responsibilities of a parish, we are sure that his years of ministry will never go in to oblivion.

His efforts to translate our liturgical books are praiseworthy. It is also noticeable that his translations are used widely for the ordinations, consecration of churches, etc in the dioceses of America. I wish that his gifts and talents will be highly used in manifold translation works to enrich the ministry of our church in this continent.

As a senior priest of the church, achen should get the support from all the area parishes and will have the freedom to attend the liturgical services in any parish as long as he lives in Chicago.

We once again thank him for his dedicated service to the faithful of the Orthodox Church in Chicago and uphold him and his family in our prayers. May God grant years of peace, health, and furtherance in all good things to our beloved Chor-episcopos.

May the Triune God bless you and grant you a peaceful and prosperous life.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

Alexios Mar Eusebius
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