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My very much loved St. Vasilios parish family,

This July 31, 2026 marks a major turning point for me, as I retire from the active priesthood after 37 years of parish ministry and service. On July 26, 2026 I will be celebrating my last service with you, my beloved St. Vasilios parish family. I know that His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, with much prayer and consideration, will select a new proistamenos to shepherd this beautiful and dynamic parish.

Although I leave daily parish life, I do not leave priestly life. I have been a very active priest at all levels of Church life for most of my life, and while this promises to be a major transition, my "retirement" will be not so retiring. My role as priest and chaplain will expand in some areas and diminish in others and I will be able to offer more time and attention to the ongoing work of family life and ministry. I intend to travel a bit more, spend more time with family but also to be available, with His Eminence's blessing, to further the mission of the Church in any way possible.

Even as this door in my life closes, I am reminded of the never ending work in our faith. I will always be a priest, a servant of God. So my work in furthering the growth of the Church continues, only now with a different emphasis. I still believe that faith is essential for our communities and look forward to continuing to spread the word of the Gospel.

No matter where we are in our lives, we should look forward to our ever changing roles in God's plan. As it is written in Galatians 6:9-10, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those of the family of faith."

I ask your prayers during this transition and your help in spreading the Gospel where ever the good Lord leads us.

With much Gratitude and Love in Christ,

Fr. Father Chris

Rev. Christopher P. Foustoukos
Pastor