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ALDERMAN HARRY OSTERMAN
48TH WARD

Alderman Harry Osterman – 48th Ward

**CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ON THEIR
EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, On December 18, 1926, Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church was established in the Edgewater neighborhood on the southwest corner of Winthrop and Hollywood Avenues. A week later, The Reverend C. H. Demetry Hadjidemetriou, an able administrator and outstanding organizer, celebrated the first Divine Liturgy; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, The Very Reverend Athenagoras Kokkinakis became pastor, encouraged significant growth in the parish's membership, and then persuaded the congregation to acquire the current church site on Sheridan Rd and Hollywood Ave., and

WHEREAS, By 1953, through diligent efforts of different pastors, the funds were raised to purchase the site and secure the services of architects Peter Camburas and Theodore J. Theodore to render preliminary sketches of the building that began construction in 1955, and

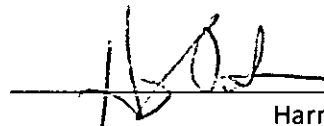
WHEREAS, Father John Hondras celebrated the first Divine Liturgy in the new, but unfinished main church in December, 1956, and on May 29, 1960 the church was consecrated by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos in anticipation of the church's completion in autumn of 1961, and

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2004, Reverend John Kalomas was installed as and is the present Proistamenos, and Father John Kutulas, the Proistamenos Emeritus for Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Harry Osterman, Alderman of the 48th Ward, has been apprised of this institution's eighty-fifth anniversary of commitment to its congregation and the communities it serves,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council do hereby wish to extend our warmest congratulations to the Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church community on the achievement of yet another significant milestone with eighty-five years of service to God, the Greek American community and their neighborhood as well as express our heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Reverend John N. Kalomas and the Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council.



Harry Osterman
Alderman, 48th Ward