



HOLY TRINITY

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His Eminence Metropolitan +Nicolae
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30th September 2022

Re: REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ROME

Your Eminence,

We, the undersigned, certify that we are the President and Secretary, respectively, of the "Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church", a California nonprofit corporation.

By this petition, for and on behalf of the Board of Directors/Parish Council, we kindly ask Your Eminence for guidance in regards to the proper ecclesiastical procedures our parish may take in order to Join The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas (ROMA).

Our request is supported by two resolutions:

- * The Board of Directors Resolution to disassociate from ROEA [2022-09-25] and

- * The Directors Resolution of Disassociation [09-25-2022], drawn by WRS-Attorneys (herewith attached), per the decision of the Board of Directors/Parish Council, at the 14th of August 2022 meeting, where they voted unanimously to disassociate the HTROC from the ROEA- Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, and join the Canonical Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas (ROMA), an Illinois nonprofit corporation, effective immediately.

The multiple grievances the HTROC parish has endured over the years with the ROEA are clearly stated in the council's above mentioned Resolutions, herewith attached".

The Board of Directors, legally elected by the parish annual assembly of 01-30-2022, approved by the ROEA, unanimously voted at the 14th of August 2022 meeting, and ratified at the 25th of September 2022, to disassociate the parish from the ROEA. The decision of the Board of Directors/Parish Council, will have to be approved by a future meeting of the parish assembly.

Two Law Firms were hired by HTROC to work out the legal process of disassociation of the parish from ROEA: "Wolf, Rifkin, Shapiro, Schulman & Rabkin LLP" (www.wrslawyers.com) and "Schofield & Grossman, APC - Attorney at Law", which work together as a team. The church has the financial resources, about \$2mm in assets/cash; and the parish decision is final and irreversible.

The Church's Articles of Incorporation (copy attached) are Amended and Restated, dated 2nd October 2022, with amended name "Holy Trinity Romanian American Orthodox Church".

At its meeting of September 25, 2022, the Board of Directors/Parish Council offered Fr Constantin Alecse an "work contract", which Father accepted, effective: 09-15, 2022, therefore THE CHURCH has uninterrupted SERVICES at all times.

This letter is the official request of the Holy Trinity Romanian American Orthodox Church to be received under the omophorion of Your Eminence within the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the United States of America, which is part of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas.

Remaining Your Eminence's spiritual sons and daughters,

Vă saturăm dreaptă, Yours in Christ,

Edvart Rastian, President

Claudia Pugna, Secretary