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Action by the Parish Council, at its Meeting of 14th August 2022

Resolution to disassociation from the Episcopate

The undersigned EDVART RASTIAN and CLAUDIA DANA PUGNA certify:

That they are the president and the secretary, respectively, of the HOLY TRINITY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH - CORPORATE NO.0186098, a California Corporation, duly elected on Sunday, January 30, 2022, in the presence of His Grace Vicar-Bishop of ROEA, by the Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church Parish General Assembly, approved by ROEA (The Episcopate).

That the Board of Directors/Parish Council elected its Executive Board, consisting of the following members: Edvart Rastian, President, Claudia Dana Pugna, Secretary, Ion Anton, Vicepresident & ROEA Congress Delegate, Razmeritsa Victoria, Treasurer, Antoaneta Rastian, Auditor (I), Reggie Christian Dissanayake, Auditor (II) and Fr Constantin Alecse, Parish Priest.

That on Sunday, 14th August 2022, the Board of Directors/Parish Council held its monthly meeting, starting at 1:00 pm, at the end of the Divine Liturgy, according to the convocation made by Edward Rastian, the Parish Council President and Claudia Dana Pugna, the Secretary. The meeting, which was held in the Church, address above, started with the invocation prayer made by the parish priest.

That a number of 14 members of the council answered "present" to the roll call. The agenda with 9 points, delivered to all members of the parish council, was unanimously approved.

That during the meeting, the Board of Directors/Parish Council adopted this Resolution of Disassociation from the Episcopate.

RESOLUTION:

Following the meeting agenda, at point #7 on the agenda, after much discussions and deliberation, the parish council issued a Resolution, copy attached, by which ROEA was asked to send an official letter, on behalf of Episcopate Council, to the Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church, clearly and officially stating that, the Sunland case is permanently closed, and that, the Episcopate Council does NOT intend to take any legal actions against the HTROC parish, or its' representatives, as was published in the newsletter of last summer' Solia 2021.

At the next point on the agenda (8th), regarding the future of our church, under the present circumstances created by ROEA, all the participants at the meeting, expressed their anger and frustration with ROEA-The Episcopate, and as the result, the parish council unanimously decided to take a reasonable action, for the following reasons:

Due to the fact that ROEA did not act in good faith in its relationship with HTROC, in the last few years, and especially the last 16 months (May 2021-August 2022) regarding our parish's interests, including finances and administration;

Due to an attitude of harassment, abuse of power, disrespect, lying, intimidation, manipulation, summarized by our attorney Roger Diamond as ROEA's abusive & aggressive attitude;

Due to the fact that ROEA was asking for extortion of some \$26K from HTROC, "legal fees", without any justification;

Due to the fact that ROEA's Chancery used a undue pressure to force our parish priest, Fr Constantin Alecse (who served our church for 40 years) into un-solicited retirement, in order to appoint a new priest, willing to help the Episcopate get the \$2mm from the parish, as they did with other parishes (i.e. Romanian Church in Anaheim, California, The Center for Christian Orthodox Center, in Detroit, Michigan, The Ascension Monastery, in Clinton, Michigan, and some other churches of the Episcopate).

Due to the fact that ROEA employed, in the last few years, an abusive and aggressive attitude towards our parish priest, the parish representatives and our church parishioners, totally disregarding the fact that our Church is a financially self-supporting non-profit corporation, registered in the State of California, functioning according to the Civil Laws of the State of California for more than 80 years, and never receiving any consideration or other financial incentives (money) from ROEA;

Due to the fact that ROEA, and in its leadership, lacks the understanding of the financial realities of our parish, ALL of our church active members are appalled, spiritually troubled by the ROEA leadership, having totally lost the confidence and trust in the Episcopate, and therefore they decided no longer accept their meddling in our parish's internal affairs;

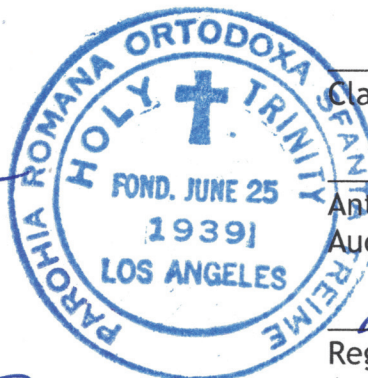
Therefore, having lost the good faith and the good will of the community, the Parish Council voted unanimously to disassociate themselves from the ROEA- Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, and join another Romanian Canonical Orthodox Non-profit Entity, ROMA-Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, effective immediately.

Dated as of: September ²⁵, 2022


Edvart Rastian, President

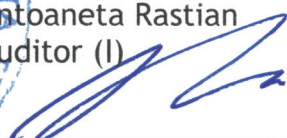

Victoria Razmeritsa
Treasurer


Ion Anton, Vicepresident &
Congress Delegate




Claudia Dana Pugna, Secretary


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