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The Most Reverend Dr. NATHANIEL Popp, Archbishop

July 27, 2022
Holy Healer Panteleimon

Parish Council President,
Members of the Parish Council and
Faithful Members of Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Parish
Los Angeles, California

Beloved in Christ:

On this feast of the Great Holy Healer Panteleimon, we are writing this letter to you, as your Hierarch and Spiritual Father in Christ, with paternal love and care for your spiritual well-being and salvation as members of the Holy Trinity Parish in Los Angeles, California, a parish of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America.

We understand that there were certain actions contrary to the By-Laws of the ROEA which took place in the past regarding the Sunland property belonging to the Holy Trinity Parish. After much deliberation and dialogue and based on the information obtained thus far, with paternal concern for the healing and peace of the parish, the Sunland Property issue is hereby closed.

Through this letter, we inform you of the retirement of Very Reverend Father Constantin Alecse from the office of Parish Priest effective September 15, 2022.

1. On March 5, 2019, we sent a letter to all Clergy of the Episcopate with ages close to retirement. Father Constantin was one of those clergy. He responded to our letter on March 22, 2019 stating that “...therefore I am able, willing and ready to Serve My Lord (of course, with Your Eminence's approval, blessings and Will) for at least another 3-5 years. As I mentioned, I wish to serve the Lord Jesus Christ until I'll celebrate my 45th Anniversary of Priesthood, or even longer.” Since that time, more than 3 years have passed and now in July 2022, Father Constantin Alecse has reached the fulfillment of his stated desire, being in the 46th year of priesthood.

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Thus, on June 30, 2022, we sent a letter to Father Constantin blessing and granting him retirement from the office of Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Parish in Los Angeles, California effective September 15, 2022.

We intend to assign the next parish priest without delay so he can start his pastorate at Holy Trinity Parish after September 15, 2022 to ensure the continuity of the liturgical life and the pastoral care of all the faithful

2. According to the By-Laws of the Episcopate, a General Assembly of the faithful members must be called to establish the salary and the remuneration for the next parish priest whom we will assign. It is our intention that the Parish General Assembly take place on Sunday, August 28, 2022, chaired by our representative, Very Rev Father Remus Grama.

According to the By-Laws, because you are a member of the Parish and as your Christian responsibility requires, we encourage you to participate in the General Assembly on August 28, 2022, to establish the proper remunerations for the next parish priest.

We assure you of our paternal prayers and care, as we have for over 42 years as your Hierarch. We are confident that the Holy Trinity Parish in Los Angeles will move into the future with hope, building on the foundation of the past with the same dedication and love for God and our Holy Orthodox Faith!

With hierarchal blessings and all good wishes,

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