



THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
THE ROMANIAN ORTHODOX EPISCOPATE OF AMERICA

The Most Reverend Dr. NATHANIEL Popp, Archbishop

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Ven. Joannicius the Great

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Fr. Alecse:

As a member of the clergy of the Episcopate, you signed a Declaration and Act of Loyalty in which you solemnly and voluntarily declared: 1) to remain loyal to the traditions, doctrine and canon laws of the Holy Orthodox Christian Church. 2) to recognize and submit to the canonical and administrative jurisdiction of The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America and to its Hierarchy, The Most Reverend Archbishop NATHANIEL and to his legal and canonical successor, not recognizing the authority of any other ecclesiastical body or person. 3) to not permit the parish to which you are entrusted as pastor to submit itself under the auspices of any other jurisdiction, nor knowingly and willingly cause harm among the clergy and faithful. 4) to conduct yourself in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, and accept all decisions of the Hierarchy, the Episcopate Council and the Episcopate Congress.

Due to your personal actions and participation in the recent unlawful actions by Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church, Los Angeles, California, we suspend you immediately from all priestly functions (sacramental and administrative) pending adjudication by the appropriate church authorities (ROEA By-Laws, Art XV, Section 20(a)).

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