

**Constitution and Bylaws of The Greek Orthodox Church  
of the Holy Trinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Inc.**

**Proposed Change:**

**Constitution and Bylaws of  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Inc.**

*Change name to be consistent with Uniform Parish Regulation (UPR) Article 15:*

**ARTICLE 15  
PARISH**

Section 8: Each Parish shall be known as the (name) Greek Orthodox Church of (locality). Each Parish shall use the authorized logo of the Archdiocese and the name of the respective Archdiocesan District/Metropolis on its stationery and publications, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Graphics Standards Manual.

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**Article I  
Name and Governance**

Section 1: The name of the corporation shall be "The Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Inc."

**Proposed Change to be consistent with Article 15 Section 8 above:**

Section 1: The name of the corporation shall be "Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Inc."

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**Article I  
Name and Governance**

Section 2: This Constitution and Bylaws shall conform to and be in agreement with the special regulations and Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

**Propose to replace this section with the following proposed preamble.**

**Preamble**

According to the directives stipulated by the 2017 Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (UPR) and the local bylaws shall constitute the governing rules and regulations of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Any topics not specifically addressed in these local bylaws will be regulated by the appropriate Articles of the 2017 UPR.

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**Article I  
Name and Governance**

Section 3: As used herein, the term "Corporation" shall also mean "Parish", the local organized body of communicants of the church, the term "Meeting of the Corporation" shall also mean "Parish Assembly" or "General Assembly", and the term "Board of Trustees" shall also mean "Parish Council" or "Board of Directors."

**Propose to delete this section as the terms "Corporation", "Meeting of the Corporation", General Assembly" and "Board of Trustees" have been eliminated in the proposed bylaws.**

**Article II (Bylaw)  
Purpose**

**Section 1:** The purposes of the corporation are as follows: (a) To maintain divine worship and other religious observations in accordance with the principles, tenets, morals, canons, usage, and discipline of the Greek Orthodox Church as they are accepted, interpreted, and practiced by the Greek Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate; and (b) To keep the faith, discipline, worship, and valid ministration of the Greek Orthodox Church and, to that end and purpose, to have, own, maintain, operate, and control churches, chapels, schools, and edifices for divine worship, religious instruction and other religious observances.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 15 (UPR)  
PARISH**

Section 1: The Parish is the local eucharistic community of the Church in a given locality; organized under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese whose ecclesiastical authority is its canonically consecrated Hierarchy. Locally, the Parish is headed by a canonically ordained and duly appointed Priest. The assignment of such appointed Priest shall bind the Parish to the Archdiocesan Regulations, Uniform Metropolis Regulations and Uniform Parish Regulations with the same force and effect as if the same were formally approved and adopted by the Parish.

Section 2: The aims and purposes of the Parish are to keep, practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith pure and undefiled.

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**Article II (Bylaw)  
Purpose**

**Section 2:** The religious belief of this Corporation is embodied in the Hellenic Eastern Orthodox Creed, as accepted and interpreted as in **Article II, Sec. 1** of this constitution. The religious head of the Corporation is the Greek Ecumenical Patriarch and in all matters religious and spiritual, the Corporation is under the superior spiritual jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, which through canonical and historic rights, is under the supreme spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 15 (UPR)  
PARISH**

Section 3: Parishes shall be governed in accordance with the holy canons, the Archdiocesan Charter and Regulations promulgated thereunder, and, as to canonical and ecclesiastical matters, by the decisions of the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese. In accordance with the Charter, the Parish shall express the life of the Church in the local community according to the Orthodox Christian Faith and Tradition, sanctifying the faithful through the Divine Liturgy and the Holy Sacraments. It shall edify the religious and ethical life of the faithful in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the decrees and canons of the Holy Apostles and the Seven Ecumenical Councils of the Church, as interpreted by the practice of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Section 4: The diakonia (ministry) of the Parish will include proclaiming and teaching the Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; sanctifying the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the other sacraments; enhancing its parishioners' spiritual life; and adding to the numbers of the faithful by receiving persons into the Church through instruction, baptism and/or chrismation. In addition, the Parish shall establish educational and philanthropic activities to foster the aims and mission of the Parish and to edify its parishioners in the Faith and ethos of the Church. The Parish shall also engage in such inter-Orthodox, ecumenical and interfaith activities as are consistent with the policies of the Archdiocese.

**Article III (Bylaw)  
Membership**

**Section 1:** Any person over the age of eighteen and meeting the requirements for membership under the Uniform Parish Bylaws may become a voting member of this religious Corporation, upon executing and delivering to the Parish a stewardship pledge card for the current calendar year.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 18 (UPR)  
PARISHIONERS**

Section 1: Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people.

A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties as described in this Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abide by all the regulations herein stated and the Parish Bylaws; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well-being of the Parish. (Stewardship is recommended to be ten percent (10%) of one's annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese.)

Section 2: Any person wishing to be a parishioner in good standing in more than one Parish must remit his or her Stewardship financial obligation to each Parish as stated in Section 1 of this Article. A parishioner wishing to move from one Parish to another must present a letter of transfer from the Priest of the Parish from which he or she is moving stating that he or she is in good standing.

Section 3: No person shall be deemed a parishioner in good standing while: not adhering to the standards outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article; retaining affiliation in an Orthodox Parish which defies the jurisdiction or the ecclesiastical authority of the Archdiocese; being a member of or practicing a non-Orthodox faith or other religion; and deliberately disregarding and transgressing the moral law of the Church.

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**Article III (Bylaw)  
Membership**

**Section 2:** Every member that is a member in good standing prior to the holding of the election of the Parish Council members or any meeting of the Parish Assembly shall have the right to vote in such an election or vote at such a meeting. Any member who has been in good standing for at least one (1) year prior may be elected as a Parish Council Member.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 18 (UPR)  
PARISHIONERS**

Section 5: A parishioner in good standing has the right to attend, participate and vote at Parish Assemblies, as well as to vote in Parish Council elections. Each such parishioner may also be nominated for election to the Parish Council or to represent the Parish at a Local Assembly or the Congress.

**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

**Section 1:** The management of the Corporation is vested in a Board of Trustees (Parish Council) of at least five (5) but no more than fifteen (15) members elected from among the entire membership by the secret ballot of the regular contributing members of the Parish in good standing entitled to vote. Five (5) will be elected annually for three (3) years. No person is eligible for the office of the Parish Council unless he or she has been a regular contributing member of the Parish in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to his or her election and they shall serve without compensation.

**Proposed Change:**

The management of the Parish is vested in the Parish Council of at least five (5) but no more than fifteen (15) members elected to 3 year terms. Each year 1/3 of the Parish Council shall be elected by Parishioners in good standing.

*Eligibility and PC Elections are in UPR Article 25.*

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

**Section 2:** The members to fill vacancies and the place of those whose terms shall have expired shall be selected annually. Council members whose term expires are eligible for reelection. Nominations and elections of Parish Council members shall be strictly in accordance with the process defined by the Uniform Parish Bylaws of the Archdiocese.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 25  
ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL**

Section 1: Members of the Parish Council shall be elected by parishioners in good standing of the Parish in accordance with the Regulations and the Parish Bylaws. The election of the members of the Parish Council shall be held no earlier than the first Sunday in November, and no later than the second Sunday in December.

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

**Section 3:** Vacancies on the Parish Council occurring between semi-annual meetings may be filled by appointment from the members in good standing by the Parish Council and the appointees shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 24 (UPR)  
PARISH COUNCIL**

Section 7: Except as specified above with respect to removals by the respective Hierarchy, a vacancy on the Parish Council shall be promptly filled by the Parish Council by electing a successor therefor from among the parishioners in good standing of the Parish. Such successor shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacant office. If a vacancy on the Parish Council occurs after the Parish Council elections but before the first meeting of the Parish Council at which officers are elected, the vacancy shall be filled after the election of Parish Council officers.

**Article IV (Bylaw)**  
**The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

**Section 4:** Candidates for election to the Parish Council shall be nominated at the last Parish Assembly preceding the election or by a nominating committee, and shall be voted upon at a duly announced election to be held in the latter half of the year.

**Proposed Change:**

Candidates for election to the Parish Council shall be nominated at the last Parish Assembly preceding the election or by a nominating committee. Elections to start after Divine Liturgy and conclude by 1:30pm.

*For election timing – see UPR Article 25 Section 1, “no earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November and no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December”.*

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**Article IV (Bylaw)**  
**The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

**Section 5:** The newly elected Parish Council shall organize and take office after it takes the oath of office from the Parish priest in January.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 26 (UPR)**  
**RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL**  
**AND AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE**

Section 3: After ratification of the election has been received from the respective Hierarchy, a special ceremony shall be held at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, during which at least two thirds (2/3) of those persons to serve on the new Parish Council shall take the affirmation of office jointly. The affirmation shall be administered by the priest and shall be repeated by all those present who are to serve on the Parish Council. The affirmation of office shall be administered no later than the third Sunday in January. Until such time, the prior Parish Council shall continue to fulfill the responsibilities of the Parish Council. In the event that a person who is to serve on the Parish Council is not present for the affirmation of office, the Priest shall administer the affirmation to him/her at the beginning of the first Parish Council meeting that such person attends. Exceptions to the deadline imposed in this Article 26, Section 3 may be made at the discretion of the respective Hierarchy.

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**Article IV (Bylaw)**  
**The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

**Section 6:** The Parish Council, before their first regular meeting of the new year, shall elect from their number for the ensuing year's a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be of the Parish Council, and the Corporation. They shall have the power to perform the functions and duties pertaining to officers of like name in similar organizations, so far as in keeping with the Charter, Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation and all such powers and duties as shall be delegated to them by the Council. No person shall be elected President for more than three (3) years in succession.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 24 (UPR)**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**

Section 2: The officers of the Parish Council shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Parish Bylaws require.

**ARTICLE 27 (UPR)  
ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Section 1: Following the administering of the affirmation of office, but in no event later than the third Sunday in January, the Parish Council shall convene to elect its officers under the chairmanship of the priest who shall not vote. At least two thirds (2/3) of the Parish Council must be present in order for the election of officers to take place. Neither absentee ballots nor proxies shall be permitted. Exceptions to the deadline imposed in this Article 27, Section 1 may be made at the discretion of the respective Hierarch.

Section 2: The offices of the President or Treasurer shall not be held by the same person for more than six (6) consecutive years, except by special permission of the respective Hierarch.

Section 3: In the event that the office of the President of the Parish Council shall become vacant, the Vice President or if more than one the First Vice President, shall assume the office of the President. Any other office, which may become vacant, shall be filled by election of the Parish Council.

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 7: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Corporation; he shall preside at all meetings of the Parish Council and shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation until a Chairman of the Parish Assembly shall be elected by the members present. He or she shall have general and active management of the business of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Council are carried into effect and shall together with the Treasurer, or such other officer, as the Council may direct by resolution, sign all written contracts and obligations of the Corporation and countersign all checks, drafts, and warrants drawn against corporate funds. He or she shall have no vote except in case of a tie. Additionally, the President is an ex-officio member of all committees; the President shall call regular meetings of the Building Fund Committee and in the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the President ensures the performance of clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the President.

**Proposed Change:**

Section 7: The President of the Parish Council shall preside at all meetings of the Parish Council and a Parish Council officer shall preside at all meetings of the Parish Assembly until a Chairman of the Parish Assembly shall be elected by the members present. He or she shall have general and active management of the Parish and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Council are carried into effect and shall together with the Treasurer, or such other officer, as the Council may direct by resolution, sign all written contracts and obligations of the Parish and countersign all checks, drafts, and warrants drawn against corporate funds. He or she shall have no vote except in case of a tie. Additionally, the President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

*Eliminated the word "CEO" and "corporation" and replaced with Parish. Changed "active management of the business of the Corporation" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence to "active management of the Parish". Eliminated the 4<sup>th</sup> sentence "the President shall call regular meetings of the Building Fund Committee" as this is redundant – See UPR Article 29, Section 1B and UPR Article 30, Section 3.*

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 8: The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform all the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Parish Council shall prescribe. Additionally, the Vice-President shall coordinate the Greek Festival in the event a chairperson cannot be found for the festival, and will serve as Chair at the Greek Festival Executive Committee if required. In the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the Vice-President ensures the performance of clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the Vice-President.

**Proposed Change:**

Section 8: The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform all the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Parish Council shall prescribe. Additionally, the Vice-President in the event a chairperson cannot be found for the festival and will serve as Chair at the Greek Festival Executive Committee.

*Changed the sentence to make it read better and eliminated reference to clerical help per the commonsense rule.*

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 9: A) The Treasurer and the President shall have charge of the corporate funds and securities under the direction of the Parish Council and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all moneys, securities and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Parish Council.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 34  
PARISH FINANCES AND ARCHDIOCESAN TOTAL COMMITMENT**

Section 1: The Parish Council shall be the custodian of all Parish funds.

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 9: C) The Treasurer shall render quarterly reports of all accounts and transactions as Treasurer, of the financial condition of the Corporation, monthly reports of expenditures and income to the Parish Council and special reports as may be called by the Parish Council.

**Proposed Change:**

Section 9: C) The Treasurer shall render monthly reports of expenditures and income to the Parish Council and special reports as may be called by the Parish Council.

*Change from Quarterly to Monthly Reports and changed Corporation to Parish*

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 9: E) In the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the Treasurer performs clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of Treasurer.

**Recommended to delete this Section per the common sense rule.**

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

**Proposed Addition:**

Section 9: F) The Treasurer to pay all normally recurring bills as approved in the annual Parish budget following Article VI Section 1 (formerly Article VII, Section 3).

**Article IV (Bylaw)**  
**The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 10: The Parish shall require all three officers, the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer to give the Corporation a surety bond in amount and form satisfaction to the Council for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices and the fee for such bond shall be paid by the Corporation.

**Recommended to delete this Bylaw. This is not in the UPR but we never do this.**

A **surety bond** or **surety** is a promise by a surety or guarantor to pay one party (the *obligee*) a certain amount if a second party (the *principal*) fails to meet some obligation, such as fulfilling the terms of a contract. The surety bond protects the obligee against losses resulting from the principal's failure to meet the obligation.

- the *obligee*: the party who is the recipient of an obligation
- the *principal*: the primary party who will perform the contractual obligation
- the *surety*: who assures the obligee that the principal can perform the task

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**Article IV (Bylaw)**  
**The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 11: The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Corporation and the Parish Council, conduct the correspondence, give or cause to be given notices of all meetings of the Corporation and the Parish Council, keep a register of the members of the Corporation and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Parish Council or by the President under whose supervision he or she shall; keep in a safe custody the seal of the Corporation and when authorized by the Council, affix the same to any instrument requiring it, and when so affixed it shall be attested by his/her signature or by the signature of the Treasurer. Additionally, in the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the Secretary shall perform clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of Secretary.

**Proposed Change:**

Section 11: The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Parish Council and other duties as may be prescribed by the Parish Council or by the President.

*Eliminated "Corporation" in the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence and references to conducting correspondence, holder of the official seal and keep a registry of names as this is done by the Parish Priest. Eliminated reference to clerical help per the commons sense rule.*

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**Article IV (Bylaw)**  
**The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 12: In case of the absence of any office of the Corporation, or for any other reason that the Council may deem sufficient, the Council may delegate for the time being, the powers or duties, to any trustee, provided a majority of the entire Council concur therein.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 29**  
**DUTIES OF PARISH COUNCIL**

Section 1: The members of the Parish Council shall attend the Divine Liturgy regularly and participate in the sacramental life of the Church, thereby setting an example for the Parishioners. Under the leadership of the Priest, the Parish Council shall:

Section 1: B) Establish the appropriate committees, including but not limited to Stewardship, Finance, Fundraising, Planning and Real Estate committees;

**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 13: Absence by a trustee from three (3) meeting of the Council in succession without sufficient excuse made after due notification, will be considered equal to resignation and his or her place will be filled as in Article IV, Sec. 3, here in above set forth.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 24 (UPR)  
PARISH COUNCIL**

Section 6: Members of the Parish Council must attend Parish Council meetings. No proxies are permitted. To the extent permitted by applicable law, in the event of an emergency, a special telephonic meeting may be called by the Priest and Parish Council President. A member, who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without justifiable cause, may be relieved of his or her office upon prior notice to the member and the majority vote of the Parish Council.

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**Article IV (Bylaw)  
The Parish Council and Officers (Powers and Duties)**

Section 14: The Parish Council may adopt bylaws for its own governance in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Constitution. It may also make and promulgate rules and regulations for the order and conduct of the activities of the Corporation and the Uniform Parish Bylaws of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 21  
ORGANIZATION AND PARISH BYLAWS**

Section 1: All Parishes must maintain and file Articles of Incorporation/Articles of Organization, Bylaws and/or other applicable corporate documents. All such documents shall comply with Archdiocesan requirements as such requirements may be amended, from time to time, by the Archdiocese. Parish Bylaws shall incorporate these Regulations by reference and may also include such additional provisions as shall be deemed necessary, by the Parish Assembly, to meet local needs. However, in the event of a conflict between a Parish's Articles of Incorporation/Articles of Organization, Bylaws or any other Parish document and these Regulations, the provisions of these Regulations shall govern; provided, however, that this sentence shall not apply to Parishes that have agreed to be designated as a national ministry or institution by the Archdiocese and whose By-laws have been approved by the Archbishop. In the event that the Bylaws of a Parish do not specifically incorporate all of these Regulations by reference, they shall be deemed to do so.

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**Article V (Bylaw)  
Standing Committees**

**Section 1:** An auditing committee consists of three (3) members from the membership at large, none of whom shall be a member of the Parish Council, shall be elected by the members at each annual meeting to audit the books and accounts for the Corporation for the expiring year. Additionally, in the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the Auditing Committee performs clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the Auditing Committee.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

## ARTICLE 33 BOARD OF AUDITORS

Section 1: The Board of Auditors shall consist of at least three parishioners none of whom are members of the Parish Council. The Board of Auditors shall be elected at the last Parish Assembly preceding an election from among those who have not served on the Parish Council for the year being audited and who are not candidates for election to the Parish Council. The Board of Auditors shall have the financial competency to properly execute its responsibilities.

Section 2: The Board of Auditors shall audit financial records of the prior year and prepare a report of such audit for presentation to the Parish Assembly. After review by the Parish Assembly, the Parish Council shall transmit copies of the final audit to the respective Hierarchy and the Archdiocese.

Section 3: A vacancy on the Board of Auditors shall be filled by the Parish Council by electing a successor therefor from amongst the parishioners of the Parish in good standing for the unexpired portion of the term of such vacancy.

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### Article V (Bylaw) Standing Committees

#### Proposed Addition:

Section 1: At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council meeting of the year, a leader of each standing committee will be appointed by the Parish Council. The leader may be any Parishioner in good standing. However, if the leader is not on the Parish Council, a current Parish Council member shall also be appointed to serve as a liaison.

*Added a mechanism to appoint committee leaders at the first regular meeting following the election of officers held after the swearing in of the new PC after Divine Liturgy. Also adding "Standing" in front of Committees in the heading.*

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### Article V (Bylaw) Standing Committees

**Section 2:** There shall be such other standing committees as Finance Committee whose duties are to assist the Treasurer with the collection of stewardship pledges, and to raise all additional revenue that is required to maintain church and corporation operations. Additionally, in the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the Finance Committee performs clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the Finance Committee.

#### Proposed Change:

**Section 2:** There shall be a Finance Committee whose duties are to assist the Treasurer and the Parish Council to prepare the annual budget.

*Made this more relevant to the actual practice of what the finance committee has been doing.*

## **Article V (Bylaw) Standing Committees**

**Section 3:** A Property Maintenance Committee shall oversee that all church and Corporation properties are in adequate repair at all times and maintain inventory of all church and Corporations properties. Additionally, 1) The Property Maintenance Committee shall prepare cost estimates of capital equipment replacement and schedules there of five (5) years into the future to be updated annually and provided to the Long Range Planning Committee. 2) In the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the Property Management Committee shall ensure the performance of the clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the Property Maintenance Committee.

### **Proposed Change:**

**Section 3:** A Maintenance Committee shall oversee all Parish properties are in adequate repair at all times and maintain inventory of all church properties. Additionally, the Property Maintenance Committee shall prepare cost estimates of capital equipment replacement and schedules of five (5) years into the future to be updated annually and provided to the Parish Council and the Long Range Planning Committee.

*Changed this language to reflect the practical application for this committee.*

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## **Article V (Bylaw) Standing Committees**

**Section 4:** A Church Service Committee shall act as ushers, shall maintain peace and quiet during church services, and shall pass collection trays and turn all money over to the Treasurer. One member of this committee shall oversee and purchase all candles of the church. Additionally, 1) The Church Service Committee shall oversee security for the church and church properties during operating hours. 2) In the absence of volunteers of paid clerical employees of the church, the Church Service Committee performs clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the Church Service Committee.

### **Proposed Change:**

**Section 4:** A Church Service Committee shall act as ushers & greeters, shall maintain peace and quiet during church services, and shall pass collection trays and turn all money over to the Treasurer. The Church Service Committee shall oversee security for the church and church properties during operating hours.

*This committee no longer is required to purchase candles and eliminated the part about paid clerical employees.*

**Article V (Bylaw)  
Standing Committee**

**Section 5:** A Board of Elections Committee consisting of no less than three (3) members elected at a regular Parish Assembly within the same year as the election from among those who are not candidates for election to the Parish Council. The Board of Elections shall in cooperation with the priest and the Parish Council check the list of candidates, notify all eligible members concerning the elections, supervise the elections and tabulate and report the results. A vacancy on the Board of Elections shall be filled by the Parish Council by electing a successor there for from among the members of the Parish in good standing. Additionally, in the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the Board of Elections performs clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the Board of Elections.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 32  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Section 1: The Board of Elections shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members elected at a Regular Parish Assembly within the same year as the election from among those who are not candidates for election to the Parish Council. Immediate family members of candidates and incumbent Parish Council members are not eligible to serve on the Board of Elections.

Section 2: The Board of Elections shall, in cooperation with the Parish Priest, verify the eligibility of the list of candidates, notify all eligible Parishioners concerning the elections, supervise the elections and tabulate and report the results. The Priest shall be advised of all meetings of the Board of Elections, which he may attend if he so desires. The Priest shall certify that all the candidates are Parishioners in good standing as specified in Article 19, Sections 1 and 2.

Section 3: A vacancy on the Board of Elections shall be filled by the Parish Council by electing a successor therefor from among the parishioners in good standing who are not candidates for election to the Parish Council.

**Article V (Bylaw)  
Standing Committees**

**Section 6:** A Long Range Planning Committee consisting of six (6) members in good standing entitled to vote from the membership at large, shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the Corporation at which the Auditing Committee is elected. Two shall be elected annually for three (3) year terms, except that the first year the Long Range Planning Committee is elected, two members shall be elected for a one ten (10) year term, two members shall be elected for a two (2) year term, and two members shall be elected for a three (3) year term. The President of the Board of Trustees shall, upon taking office, appoint the Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee from among its members, and replace the Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee from among its members at his or her (the President's) discretion. The Long Range Planning Committee shall organize and conduct its first annual meeting in January.

Section 6: B) The Long Range Planning Committee shall be required to perform the following duties:

- 1) Identify long range goals of the parish.
- 2) Alert church leadership to potential opportunities and risks.
- 3) After goals are identified, project future financial requirements and other resource requirements
- 4) Formulate alternative courses of action to reach the goals.
- 5) Periodically review long range plans to measure progress and, when necessary, make modifications.
- 6) Consult with all relevant committees, including the Property Maintenance Committee, to produce a five (5) year plan.
- 7) In the absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the committee performs clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the Long Range Planning Committee.

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 6:** A) Long Range Planning Committee consisting of six (6) members in good standing. Two members shall be elected each year for 3 year terms by the members at the Parish Assembly in which the Auditing Committee is elected.

**Section 6: B)** The Long Range Planning Committee shall be required to perform the following duties:

- 1) Identify long range goals of the parish.
- 2) Alert Parish Council to potential opportunities and risks.
- 3) After goals are identified, project future financial requirements and other resource requirements
- 4) Formulate alternative courses of action to reach the goals.
- 5) Periodically review long range plans to measure progress and, when necessary, make modifications.
- 6) Consult with all relevant committees, including the Maintenance Committee, to produce a five (5) year plan.

*Eliminated the startup requirement in Section 6 A as the committee has already been formed. Eliminated Section 6 B – 7 due to the common sense rule.*

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**Article V (Bylaw)  
Standing Committees**

Section 7: The Parish priest shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Board of Trustees, of all standing committees of the Corporation, and of all committees established by the Corporation.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 19  
PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Section 1: All Parish ministries and organizations shall be under the guidance and supervision of the Priest.

**Article V (Bylaw)  
Standing Committees**

Section 8: A Greek Festival Committee, when appointed, shall:

Section 8 A: Prepare and submit a Greek Festival budget for the current year to the Parish Council for approval no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Section 8 B: In absence of volunteer or paid clerical employees of the church, the committee performs clerical tasks arising from the specific responsibilities of the office of the Greek Festival Committee.

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 8:** A Greek Festival Committee, when appointed, shall prepare and submit a Greek Festival budget for the current year to the Parish Council for approval no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Changed budget due date from March 31<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> and eliminated Section 8 B due to the common sense rule.*

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**Article V (Bylaw)  
Standing Committees**

Section 9: A Publicity and media Liaison Committee shall be appointed by the President to assist the priest, the President, and the Secretary in publicity and media liaison matters.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it has not filled and no longer see the need.**

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**Article V (Bylaw)  
Standing Committees**

**Proposed Addition:**

Section 7: A Stewardship Committee leader shall be appointed by the Parish Council President to Stewardship efforts and activities.

Section 8: A Youth Committee leader shall be appointed by the Parish Council President to coordinate Youth Activities with the Parish Priest.

Section 9: A Fund Raising Committee leader shall be appointed by the Parish Council President to lead fund raising efforts as directed by the Parish Council.

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**Article VI (Bylaw)  
Clerks and Employees**

Section 1: The Parish Council shall have power to engage and discharge such clerks, assistant clerks, and employees as may be needed for the service of the Corporation and to fix their salaries and compensation.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 29  
DUTIES OF PARISH COUNCIL**

Section 2: All personnel employed by the Parish including schoolteachers, are engaged or discharged by the Parish Council with the consent of the Priest.

Section 3: The Priest and Parish Council shall be responsible for all personnel employed by the Parish. In addition, the Priest and the Parish Council shall be responsible for the Parish's adherence with all applicable personnel and volunteer policies promulgated by the Archdiocese.

**Article VII (Bylaw)**  
**Property Funds – Their Uses and Management**

Section 1: All properties, property rights and secular interest and temporalities of the Corporation are vested in the laity of the Corporation, and the care, management, administration and control of said properties, property rights and secular interests and temporalities is committed to the Board of Trustees (Parish Council), subject to the exception and limitations that are set forth in the following section.

Section 2: The title to all properties personal as well as real and of whatsoever kind, property rights and temporalities of the Corporation shall at all times be vested in the Corporation and shall be used for its corporate uses and purposes, and the care, management and control thereof are committed to the Board of Trustees (Parish Council) of the Corporation.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 16**  
**PARISH PROPERTY**

Section 1: The Church edifice and other buildings constituting Parish property shall be used in accordance with the Charter to serve the religious, educational, cultural and philanthropic ministries of the Parish. Parish property shall be held and used by the Parish to carry out the purposes of the Orthodox Christian Faith as defined in Article 15.

Section 2: The Parish shall hold title to all of its real estate and personal property in its corporate name and no other, except as otherwise required by any applicable civil law. [The personal property shall only include property which is deemed to be real estate or which may create a lien upon real estate under the provisions of local law or any provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.] The Parish Council, in consultation with the Priest, shall administer such property for the benefit of the Parish.

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**Article VII (Bylaw)**  
**Property Funds – Their Uses and Management**

Section 3: All special bequests, gifts, and devises shall be used by the Parish only for the purposes for which they were made, and such purposes shall be set forth in writing and delivered to the Parish at or before the time of said gift, bequest or devise.

Section 3: A) There shall be established (or those currently in existence) in the account of the church, a division titled "Trusts and Memorials" which shall be under the review and oversight of the Parish Council. The purpose of such a division is to segregate sums of money given to the Parish for a specific use, or sums not specifically designed but not applicable to operations, debt reduction, or discretionary purposes. Sums included in this division are to be designated by an appropriate identifying name and disbursed wholly or in part only upon action of the Parish Council.

Section 3: B) Where a specific use is indicated by the donor to the memorial, the Treasurer shall have a letter or memorandum indicating the purpose for which disbursements are to be made and shall exercise due care that only authorized use of such funds are made.

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 3:** All special bequests, gifts, and devises shall be used by the Parish only for the purposes for which they were made, and such purposes shall be set forth in writing and delivered to the Parish Council at or before the time of said gift, bequest or devise. The Parish Council must take a vote to accept such special bequests, gifts, and devises. The Parish Council shall establish and/or maintain appropriate restricted accounts to be used only for the purpose for which the donation was intended.

*Added a sentence for the PC to accept donations. Merged Section A & B as parts were repetitive.*

**Article VII (Bylaw)**  
**Property Funds – Their Uses and Management**

Section 4: All current monies and funds of the Corporation shall be kept in one or more separate accounts in the name of the Corporation in qualified federally insured financial institutions of choice of the Parish Council and shall be drawn therefrom by checks, drafts, or warrants signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President of the Corporation, or Vice-President or such designee as provided in *Article IV, Section 9(B)* and 12, for the uses and purposes thereof.

**Proposed Change:**

Section 4: All current monies and funds of the Parish shall be kept in one or more separate accounts in the name of the Parish in qualified federally insured financial institutions of choice of the Parish Council and shall be drawn therefrom by checks, drafts, warrants or electronic funds transfer, authorized by the Parish Council as provided in Article IV, Section 9.

*Change Corporation to Parish, added EFT and eliminated duplication with Article IV, Section 9.*

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**Article VII (Bylaw)**  
**Property Funds – Their Uses and Management**

Section 5: No real property of the Corporation shall be sold or leased except with the consent of its members previously obtained by resolution by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a duly called and held corporate meeting in accordance with the prior recommendation of at least three-fourths (3/4) of its Parish Council members present at the meeting.

Section 6: No real property of the Corporation shall be mortgaged or in any way encumbered, nor shall any funds be borrowed for the uses of the Corporation except with the consent of its members previously obtained by resolution adopted by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a duly called and held corporate meeting, and the consent of at least three-fourths (3/4) of its Parish Council members present at the meeting.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 16**  
**PARISH PROPERTY**

Section 3: The Parish may purchase real and personal property, or sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber its real property, or construct a church edifice or other buildings upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the parishioners in good standing present at a Parish Assembly duly called (with at least ten (10) days prior written notice) for that purpose, provided that approval from the respective Hierarch is received, as follows:

Section 3: A) The Parish's request for approval to the respective Hierarch shall be in writing and shall include the following documents:

1. A copy of the notice of the Parish Assembly certifying the date of mailing;
2. A copy of the minutes of the Parish Assembly signed by the Priest, Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly;
3. A survey of the realty and improvements, if any;
4. A description of the surrounding area, including its relationship to other Parishes, if any;
5. Financial statements as to the financing of the property/project including, but not limited to, the cost, the manner and terms of purchase, and the contemplated sources of income for payment and maintenance thereof; and
6. Such other information as shall be pertinent or as may be requested by the respective Hierarch.

B. The respective Hierarch shall consult with the Archdiocesan District/Metropolis Council in reviewing the Parish's request and may also appoint an ad hoc committee comprised of persons with expert knowledge and experience in finance, real estate, building construction and such other matters to advise him and the Local Council executive committee in their review. In the event that the respective Hierarch determines that additional information is needed from the Parish in order to appropriately review its request, he shall request any such information from the Parish within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Parish's submission.

**Article VIII (Bylaw)  
Meeting and Quorum**

Section 1: The President of the Parish Council shall call all meetings of the Corporation and of the Parish Council and shall preside thereat until the Chairperson is duly elected.

Section 2: At least two (2) general meeting of the Corporation shall be held annually. The first is to be held in January, and the second during the latter half of the calendar year.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 31  
PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Section 6: Regular Parish Assemblies shall be convened by the Priest and the Parish Council, at least twice each year, at dates fixed by the Parish Council.

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**Article VIII (Bylaw)  
Meeting and Quorum**

Section 3: The proposed annual budget for the ensuing year prepared by the Parish Council shall be presented to the membership for adoption at the last regular meeting of the prior year.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 34  
PARISH FINANCES AND ARCHDIOCESAN TOTAL COMMITMENT**

Section 3: The budget for the ensuing year shall likewise be submitted for approval by the Parish Assembly at the last regular meeting of the prior year.

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**Article VIII (Bylaw)  
Meeting and Quorum**

Section 4: The electorate of the Corporation shall be notified in writing of the two annual meetings at least ten (10) days in advance.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 31  
PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Section 2: Notice of a Parish Assembly shall be mailed to all Parishioners in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the Assembly and shall include the agenda. The agenda shall be prepared by the Priest and the Parish Council and shall include all items to be discussed at the Assembly.

**Article VIII (Bylaw)  
Meeting and Quorum**

Section 5: Ten (10) special meetings of the Corporation may be called by the President and must be called by the President when requested by the signed petition of five (5) Parish Council members or ten percent (10%) of the members of the Corporation.

Section 6: Notice of each special meeting of the Corporation indicating the purpose thereof shall be mailed to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 31  
PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Section 7: Special Parish Assemblies shall be held when the Priest and/or Parish Council deem it necessary. Subject to Section 1 above, a special Parish Assembly may be convened. In addition, and except as otherwise prohibited by these Regulations or required by law, if at least ten percent (10%) of the Parishioners in good standing of the Parish submit a written petition requesting a Parish Assembly, a special Parish Assembly shall be convened. Any such petition must be submitted to the Priest and the Parish Council stating the purpose for the meeting.

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**Article VIII (Bylaw)  
Meeting and Quorum**

Section 7: There shall be a regular meeting of the Parish Council, once a month at a time and place fixed by the Parish Council.

Section 8: Special meetings of the Parish council shall be called by the President or by any five (5) of the Parish Council members. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each Parish member at least two (2) days prior to the date of the meeting.

**Recommended to delete both Bylaws as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 28  
MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL**

Section 1: The Parish Council shall generally hold regular meetings at least once a month, and special meetings whenever the Priest, the President, or a majority of the Parish Council shall deem it necessary.

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**Article VIII (Bylaw)  
Meeting and Quorum**

**Section 9:** The presence in person of one-fourth (1/4) of the entire membership in good standing of the Corporation shall constitute a quorum at all meeting of the Corporation as when the members of the Corporation shall be more than four hundred (400) then the presence of one hundred (100) members at any meeting shall be sufficient to continue a quorum.

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 9:** The presence in person of one-fourth (1/4) of the entire membership in good standing of the Parish shall constitute a quorum at all Parish Assemblies.

*Changed Corporation to Parish and eliminated reference to a nominal number.*

**Article VIII (Bylaw)  
Meeting and Quorum**

Section 10: A majority of the Parish Council members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Council for the transaction of business and all matters coming for the consideration therein shall be decided, except as otherwise provided by the laws of this Constitution and Bylaws, by a majority of the Parish Council members present and the act of a majority of the Parish Council members present shall be the act of the Council. In the event that the vote is equally divided on any one matter, the Present or the presiding officer shall have a casting vote which shall be the deciding vote.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the following UPR:**

**ARTICLE 28  
MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL**

Section 2: A majority of the members of the Parish Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Vacancies on the Parish Council shall not be used in order to establish a quorum.

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**Article IX  
Amendments**

**Section 1:** Any article or section of the Constitution and the Bylaws may be amended on the recommendation of the Parish Council by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at the annual meeting or meeting called for that purpose, provided that written notice of the proposed amendments has been sent to all members of the Corporation not less than fourteen (14) days before the meeting, which is in accordance with Oklahoma Corporation Law.

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 1:** Any article or section of these Bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at the Parish Assembly called for that purpose, provided that written notice of the proposed amendments has been sent to all members of the Parish not less than fourteen (14) days before the meeting, which is in accordance with Oklahoma Corporation Law.

*Changed Corporation to Parish.*

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**Article X  
Building Fund**

Section 1: Purpose: Is to accept and invest donations and bequest, to make expenditures for new construction, the finishing of such new construction, and to purchase real property.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw as it is in the proposed Bylaw below:**

**Article VII  
Property Funds – Their Uses and Management**

**Section 3:** All special bequests, gifts, and devises shall be used by the Parish only for the purposes for which they were made, and such purposes shall be set forth in writing and delivered to the Parish Council at or before the time of said gift, bequest or devise. The Parish Council must take a vote to accept such special bequests, gifts, and devises. The Parish Council shall establish and/or maintain appropriate restricted accounts to be used only for the purpose for which the donation was intended.

**Article X  
Building Fund**

Section 2: Expenditures: May be made by a majority vote of the Parish Council and two thirds (2/3) majority vote by the General Assembly. A ten (10) day notice must be given in writing together with an agenda for all meetings.

**Proposed Change:**

**Article X  
Restricted Funds**

Section 1: A) Expenditures of the Building Fund may be made by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Parish Assembly. A ten (10) day notice must be given in writing with the proposed expenditure on the agenda for the Parish Assembly meeting.

*Renumbered if we eliminated section 1. Change General Assembly to Parish Assembly and eliminated Parish Council requirement as it suggested these major expenditures should be wholly at the discretion of the Parish Assembly. Note, this particular section is specific to the building fund.*

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**Article X  
Restricted Funds**

**Proposed Addition:**

Section 2: Request for disbursements for restricted funds other than the building fund (see Section 1 for Building Fund requirements) listed on the Statement of Financial Position (eg: Altar, Goya, Dance, etc), shall be presented to the Parish Council before the expense is incurred. Additionally, the monthly Treasurer's Report shall reflect an accurate balance of Restricted Funds.

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**Article X  
Building Fund**

Section 3: Assets: Will be held in a separate account(s) insured by the government or in U.S. Government Notes and/or bonds. The only exception will be if gifts or bequests consisting of negotiable securities, real estate, or other tangibles are excepted for the Building Fund, the decision to sell such gifts or bequests with proceeds reverting to the Building Fund will be approved on two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly. Restrictions on gifts or bequests by donors will be observed. All withdrawals will be signed by the Parish Council President and Treasurer. All funds received will be deposited directly into the Building Fund account(s) and will not be commingled or passed through any other account(s).

**Article X  
Restricted Funds**

Section 1: B) If gifts or bequests consisting of negotiable securities, real estate, or other tangibles are accepted for the Building Fund, the decision to sell such gifts or bequests with proceeds reverting to the Building Fund will be approved on two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Parish Assembly. Restrictions on gifts or bequests by donors will be observed. All withdrawals will be signed by the Parish Council President and Treasurer. All funds received will be deposited directly into the Building Fund account(s) and will not be commingled or passed through any other account(s).

*Changed the Section number so all Building Fund references are in the same section. Eliminated the first sentence as it is in Article VII Section 4. Changed excepted to accepted.*

**Article X  
Building Fund**

Section 4: Quarterly Report: The Committee will make a quarterly report listing all receipts showing each donor and account interest together with all assets and expenditures. The Committee will not divulge the name(s) of donors who wish to remain anonymous. The report will be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the committee and will be published in the Parish bulletin.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw**

The Treasurer's report at the monthly Parish Council meeting and the Parish Assembly meetings shows the Statement of Financial Position which lists all the restricted funds.

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**Article XI  
Budget**

Section 1: The Parish council shall submit a budget to the Parish Assembly for approval, pursuant to Article XVI, Section 2 of the Uniform Parish Regulations. Actual expenditures for budgeted items shall not exceed the budgeted amount by more than five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) unless approved, in advance, by a majority of the General Assembly. This Article shall not apply to the operation of the Greek Festival, except as to expenditures for capital improvements.

**Proposed Change:**

Section 1: The Parish council shall submit a budget to the Parish Assembly for approval, pursuant to the Uniform Parish Regulations. Actual expenditures for budgeted items shall not exceed the budgeted amount by more than five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) unless approved, in advance, by a majority of the Parish Assembly.

*Eliminated qualification pertaining to the festival. The festival should have a budget approved in advance and any time something is projected to exceed \$5,000 over the budget, a Parish Assembly should be convened to gain approval.*

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**Article XII  
Internet Policy, Guidelines, Head Webmaster, and Webmaster**

**Proposed Change:**

**Article V  
Standing Committees**

Section 10: Internet and Other Communications (IOC)

*Made Article a standing committee and named it "Internet and Other Communications (IOC)"*

**Article XII**  
**Internet Policy, Guidelines, Head Webmaster, and Webmaster**

Section 1: The Head Webmaster (HWM) shall be the parish priest. The Webmaster shall be appointed by the parish priest from among the Tulsa parishioners or from the Parish Council Board. If not on the board the Webmaster shall become an ex-officio member of the PC board. The Webmaster's overall duties and responsibilities are to protect the church and the Archdiocese from unofficial Internet exposure and to approve all church affiliated Internet use.

**Proposed Change:**

**Article V**  
**Standing Committees**

Section 10) A: The IOC committee's overall duties and responsibilities are to protect HTGOC and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America from unofficial Internet content and all church affiliated communication.

*As this is now a committee, the committee may determine individual roles and responsibilities. The primary objective is stated above.*

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**Article XII**  
**Internet Policy, Guidelines, Head Webmaster, and Webmaster**

Section 2: Any document, photo, ad, website, link containing the church's name, logo, reference, or anything representing the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity, Tulsa (GOCHTT) or appears to be created by the GOCHTT must first be approved by the Webmaster in compliance with the Head Webmaster before it can be published onto the Internet, Facebook, or any similar communal websites.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw**

*This is addressed in Article V Section 10 A.*

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**Article XII**  
**Internet Policy, Guidelines, Head Webmaster, and Webmaster**

Section 3: The Webmaster in compliance with the parish priest has ultimate control of the main list-server for mass email deliveries.

**Proposed Change:**

**Article V**  
**Standing Committees**

Section 10) B: The Parish Priest or the IOC Committee leader shall administer the list-server for mass email deliveries.

*Changed to reflect the option for the IOC committee leader to administer the list server.*

**Article XII**  
**Internet Policy, Guidelines, Head Webmaster, and Webmaster**

Section 4: The Webmaster in compliance with the parish priest may, if needed, embed an authenticity stamp or watermark to indicate that the online pages are approved. The author of a fraudulent website and/or any reference will be asked to remove the website and/or any reference and may be reported to the proper URL authorities and/or The Internet Fraud Complaint Center.

**Article V**  
**Standing Committees**

**Proposed Change:**

Section 10) C: The IOC committee, if needed, shall embed an authenticity stamp or watermark to indicate that the online pages are approved. The author of a fraudulent website and/or any reference will be asked to remove the website and/or any reference and may be reported to the proper URL authorities and/or The Internet Fraud Complaint Center.

*Change the section number and changed Web Master to IOC committee.*

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**Article XII**  
**Internet Policy, Guidelines, Head Webmaster, and Webmaster**

Section 5 Official GOCHTT websites are primarily to disseminate church information, religious information, or parish news and will never ask for personal information over the Internet. GOCHTT will never share emails with third parties.

**Article V**  
**Standing Committees**

Section 10) D: Official HTGOC websites as part of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are primarily used to disseminate church information, religious information, or parish news and will never use personal information for other purposes.

*Changed section number and name to be consistent with UPR and bylaws.*

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**Article XII**  
**Internet Policy, Guidelines, Head Webmaster, and Webmaster**

Section 6: The Webmaster shall review, reply, and codify all emails and other electronic correspondence received or exported through the Parish Data System, Church Office in compliance with the Parish priest and the Archdiocesan Regulations.

**Recommended to delete Bylaw**

*This is addressed in Article V Section 10 A.*