

Beloved Church Committee Members,

I am still under the positive experience of Holy Trinity day celebration. Again thank you Jean and Milka for the exquisite food you prepared. May God bless and keep you and all volunteers who contributed for the excellent festive atmosphere and for the feeling of brotherly love.

I pray for Holy Trinity, for the church committee, for all the members of the parish and for all people who come to Holy Trinity with love of God: May God lead this congregation with the light of the knowledge of his ways, confirm this congregation with the blessings of His peace and establish this congregation strong upon the rock of the faith.

The last few social events which we organized were definitely a clear demonstration of brotherly love in our parish. My feeling is that this is something that the members and all people who come to Holy Trinity need. All of us need to know that we are accepted, loved, valued and encouraged to show our good side. I would like to thank all of you, because you made this feeling happen: by your patience, attention to one another, by having peaceful discussion during the meeting of the church committee. Correct me if I am wrong: the peace started in the church committee and shortly after that we saw it in the whole church.

At Holy Trinity Banquet the way the tables were arranged was such that the people were able to see each other. I believe this created feeling of inclusion. The food was classy. The fact that some people stood and sang a song before the whole assembly was admirable. At the end of the meeting the wife of the Bulgarian councilor said that the church looked to her like a modern church which is in process of growth. I would say amen to this!

Thank all of you for your good will to have and maintain Holy Trinity as a church of brotherly love.

*Prayfully Yours,
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P.S. I wanted to ask you for your permission to inform you via e-mail about certain things that influence the situation of the Orthodox Churches in North America in general and our little parish in particular. For now I have 2 things.

- 1) the so called "non canonical situation of the orthodoxy in North America" and
- 2) the existence of canonical and non canonical orthodox churches.