HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL 2027-2028

To be a candidate for the parish council you must be a member in good standing of the parish as defined by Article 18 Section 1 of the current Regulations of the Archdiocese www.goarch.org/documents/regulations. Below you will find a brief understanding:

1. **SPIRITUALLY**: You must attend the Divine services and receive the Sacraments regularly; uphold the Teachings of the Church. You must participate in the Sacramental life of the Church, thereby setting an example for the Parish and work in cooperation with the Priest in order to fulfill the purpose of the Church. **This is certified by the Priest**. (UPR Art. 18, Sec. 1; Art. 25. Sec. 2)

2. **CANONICALLY**: You must live your life and activities in accordance with the faith and Canons of the Church. If you are married, you must have been married in the Orthodox Church. If you are divorced, you must have obtained an ecclesiastical divorce. In addition, no person shall be considered in good-standing if they are a member of a non-Orthodox faith or other religion. (see Article 18, Sec. 3) **This must be certified by the Priest.** (UPR Art. 18, Sec. 1; Art. 25. Sec. 2)

3. **FINANCIALLY:** You must be a Steward of the Parish for at least one (l) year immediately preceding the date of the elections. You must fully participate in stewardship by submitting a pledge card detailing your stewardship commitment and being active in the parish thereby setting an example for other parishioners. **This must be certified by the Priest.** (UPR Art. 18, Sec. 1; Art. 25. Sec. 2)

4. You must be willing to take the Affirmation of office without exception as administered by the Priest at the appropriate time and be willing to sign a form attesting to your Affirmation. In addition, each member or member-elect is obliged, without exception, to execute the Disclosure statement. Any person declining to execute the disclosure statement and/or the Affirmation of Office shall not be a member of the Parish Council. (UPR Art. 26, Sec. 4 A&B)

5. After appropriate discussion, you must be willing **to support and cooperate** with all majority decisions of the Parish Council. You must be willing to fulfill the Duties of a Parish Council member as contained in Art. 29, sec.1 of the UPR.

6. **You must attend a mandatory seminar** conducted by the priest prior to the election. At this seminar, the priest will discuss the Uniform Parish Regulations and the duties of a Parish Council Member. (UPR Art. 25, Sec. 3A) **Failure to attend will be cause for removal of your name from the ballot**. (UPR Art. 25, sec. 3D) A make-up seminar will be offered if your attendance at the seminar is impossible. At the conclusion of the seminar all candidates will acknowledge by signing a statement that they understand and will abide by the Uniform Parish Regulations (Art. 25, Sec. 3 D). ***The seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd at 7pm.***

7. You must register and complete a background check through Sterling Volunteers at youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org prior to submitting this application. Your background check report must be completed and returned before November 29, 2026.

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ATTENTION BOARD OF ELECTIONS

I wish to submit my name for consideration as a candidate for the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Ambridge, PA, in the upcoming Election of the Parish Council on **December 13, 2026**. As required by the current Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, I hereby declare that I have been a member in good standing: Spiritually, Canonically and Financially for at least one (1) year prior to the date of Elections, and I understand the duties and responsibilities that are expected of a member of the Parish Council. I understand that a cleared background check is necessary for me to serve the parish in this capacity. I also understand that my nomination must be certified by the Priest.

NAME _____

FULL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

Seal this application and returned background check in an envelope and ***submit it by noon on 11/29/2026 to the Church Office***.