



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Holy Trinity Family,

As you are aware from the announcement made at the Parish Annual Meeting, our beloved pastor, Fr. David, has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2021. Fr. David and Matuska Melanie have been with us since 2006, though we had known them prior to the beginning of his tenure at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church as a supply priest and friend from Terryville.

Fr. David has been a faithful servant to God and to his flock. He has been meticulous in his preparation of services and has gained a vast array of knowledge in travels to many historic sites of importance in the Orthodox faith. Having been in the Altar to assist or to take photos, I have observed the reverence and prayerful manner in which Fr. David conducts himself throughout the services.

In addition, Matuska Melanie has been an active member of the choir and Sisterhood, often organizing special events to attend concerts, programs and other activities to bring our parish community together.

As Fr. David brings his pastoral calling to a close at Holy Trinity, we wish to recognize and honor his many years of service.

Though Fr. David's last Divine Liturgy will be served on Sunday June 27, we will celebrate his years of service on our parish **Feast Day of Pentecost on Sunday June 20**. Fr. David has always reveled in the Holy Day of Pentecost with its kneeling prayers and procession around the church. The parish council believes that this Festal Day will be an appropriate time to celebrate Fr. David's service to our Lord.

Please join us on June 20 to thank Fr. David for his pastoral stewardship to our parish. We will have a catered brunch at the church following the service to reminisce and honor Fr. David and Matuska Melanie for their years with us. More information will follow, but I wanted parishioners to hold the date.

In Christ,

Paul Salina
Parish Council Warden