## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH CEMETERY GUIDELINES



The cemetery exists to provide a place of repose for the dead and offer solemn remembrances and beautification for the living – lot owners, relatives and visitors.

These few rules are suggested to insure order in the maintenance and embellishments of our grounds.

- On occasion, the cemetery committee may decide to remove the mature plantings to
  maintain the integrity of adjacent gravesites. As tree root systems grow, they can disrupt
  or tip nearby markers. If you have a specific request for trimming or tree removal, please
  bring it to the Cemetery Committee.
- 2. The planting of shrubs, bushes and trees on lots and graves is prohibited.
- 3. Flowers shall be planted no more than 12 inches from the front of the marker and shall not extend beyond the vertical boundaries of the grave marker. The maturity height of vegetation shall not exceed 18 inches. The edging around an in-ground flower planting shall be limited to black plastic installed with a maximum exposure of 2 inches above the ground. It is preferred that artificial flowers be placed in removable vases set in the markers. Fresh flowers may be placed on graves in metal or plastic cemetery vases (NO GLASS PLEASE). Potted plants up to 8 inches in diameters are acceptable.
- 4. Solar lights are permitted but we respectfully ask that they be properly maintained.
- 5. Please use only wood chips or like vegetation for mulch. Crushed stone, shells or other hard materials can cause injury or damage when picked up by mowers and trimmers.
- 6. Small American flags may be placed on graves year round. However, flags that have become unsightly will be removed and properly disposed of.
- 7. Natural and artificial wreaths may be placed on through the winter but will be removed as part of spring clean up in early to mid April. If you wish to keep a wreath, please remove it before April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 8. Once lights or other decorations become nonfunctional, broken or unsightly, they will be discarded without prior notification. The cemetery cannot be responsible for, or damage to, any flowers, decorations, holders, statues, receptacles or any type of memorializing item that is left at a grave.