

**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church  
Council meeting minutes, June 7, 2026**

Attendees: Fr. Chris, Dennis, Bob, and Jacob Fall, Jerry Kistner, Matt Cuper, Paula McDaniels, and Steve Dzubay. Absent were Jake and Steve Fall.

Call to order by President Dennis Fall at 11:18 a.m. with Fr. C recitation of "O Heavenly King."

Minutes from April 26, 2026, meeting were approved on a motion by Kistner, seconded by Cuper.

Jacob Fall presented the **treasurer's report**, highlighting a \$3,000 gift from the Andersen Fund, and \$7,000 transferred to the HTOC Endowment Fund, which now has a balance of about \$35,000. Motion by Kistner, seconded by Dzubay, to open a short-term CD for \$40,000 from the \$74,000 checking account balance. Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Cuper, seconded by Kistner.

McDaniels had no **Sisterhood report** as all recent activity has been by the group's Harvest Fest committee.

Bob Fall noted for the **Cemetery Committee** that Tom Moriak recently donated spraying of the entire cemetery for weeds, and four plots were purchased recently by John and Duffy Prusak, and Fr. Thad and Sally Nielsen.

Fr. C's **Pastor's Report** noted: Chrismation and Baptism of Nick and Shania Adams, respectively, on May 17<sup>th</sup>; a well-attended "Newcomer orientation" conducted by he and Dennis Fall on May 3; the forthcoming Pan-Orthodox Summer Camp at Wapo, July 4-10; planned Baptism for Rosalie Dzubay on July 12; his planned absences on July 19 & 26; notice of fewer midweek services during June and July; and sharing of Fr. Thaddeus Nielsen's cancer diagnosis and Fr C's urging to keep he and Sally in prayer.

Dennis revisited highlights from the April discussion on **emergency preparedness**, noting that "action" suggestions included adding a lock to the choir-loft door, improving exit signage, and posting an evacuation diagram. Kistner volunteered to look for and install a deadbolt lock upstairs that could be used in an emergency. Group consensus was that current exit signage is adequate. Steve Fall earlier offered to compose a simple evacuation diagram that can be posted. Dzubay agreed to return the "Emergency Shelter Survey" form to Barron Co. Emergency Mgt. Director Mike Judy, indicating HTOC is unwilling to offer our facilities as a warming/cooling shelter, temporary or long-term shelter, or logistical support facility at this time due to our limited offerings and absence of any on-site supervision.

Jacob reported that preparations for the **Cheese Days** concessions are on track, with some vacancies remaining for volunteers.

Dzubay raised the issue of recruiting would-be candidates interested in assisting with **choir direction**.

Fr. C will discuss first with Kari Moskal, then consider a process to invite and train individuals interested in being trained/mentored for this role.

Dzubay also suggested that we attempt to secure a **substitute priest** on weekends when Fr. C is away, because of the continued steady presence of new parishioners and visitors. Fr. C said Fr. Andrew Jaye – the most available substitute – is currently committed to a long-term substitution at the Serbian church in Duluth. He will continue to search for other substitutes. Meanwhile, we'll continue to lean on Monk Mark and our stable of tonsured readers.

Kistner noted he would be meeting with a representative from Lawrence **Pest Control** on Monday, June 8, to evaluate our continued mouse issue.

There was a motion by Kistner, seconded by Cuper to gift \$1,000 to Fr. Thad and Sally Nielsen to offer support and help defray ongoing medical expenses. Vote was unanimous.

**Next meeting** was set for Sunday, Aug. 9.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm on a motion by Jacob Fall, seconded by Cuper. Fr. C led us in singing of "It is Truly Meet."

Steve Dzubay, secretary