



## CHAPTER 99

### An Act to incorporate the "Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Congregation of Montreal"

*[Assented to, the 24th of March, 1926]*

**WHEREAS** George C. Spiliotopoulos, Athanasios C. Sperdakos, Athanasios D. Schoolarinos, Demetrios Apostolopoulos, George Kalfas, Theodoros Skaperdas, George Demetelin, Nicholaos Frangalexis, Nicholaos Manolakis, Paraskevas Karalampus and Constantinos Alexopoulos, all of the city and district of Montreal, merchants, have, by their petition, represented that they belong to the Greek religion and that, for the purpose of divine worship and teaching according to the tenets of the Greek religion, it is expedient and in the interest of the petitioners that they should be incorporated in order that the corporation to be formed may, in its own name, acquire, possess and alienate property, moveable and immoveable, possess the powers hereinafter mentioned, and do all acts that may be required for its purposes; that two corporations for similar purposes have already been constituted by letters patent issued under the provisions of Part III of the Quebec Companies' Act, 1920, one being known as the "Holy Trinity Church Greek Orthodox" and the other one being known as the "Socrates Anglo-Greek School, Inc.", and that these corporations have already acquired property for church and school purposes and incurred liabilities in respect thereto;

Whereas both said corporations have joined in the aforesaid petition and represented that they are willing and desirous to be merged with and their property vested into the new corporation to be formed; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

**Incorporation.**      **1.** George C. Spiliotopoulos, Athanasios C. Sperdakos, Athanasios D. Schoolarinos, Demetrios Apostopoulos, George Kalfas, Theodoros Skaperdas, George Demetelin, Nicholaos Frangalexis, Nichalaos Manolakos, Paraskevas Karalampus and Constantinos Alexopoulos, and all other persons who may become members, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of "Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Congregation of Montreal".

**Name.**

**Powers of corporation.**      **2.** The said corporation shall have and exercise all the rights belonging to ecclesiastical corporations, and may own, maintain and manage a church for divine worship according to the tenets of the Greek religion and a house for the residence of the priest or officiating minister; and its church shall be known under the name of "Holy Trinity Church Greek Orthodox".

**Name of church.**

**Power to erect and maintain school.**      **3.** The said corporation shall have the power to form, erect and maintain a school destined for the Greek children of Montreal, for the purpose of giving them an elementary training, including a knowledge of Greek, French and English and such other subjects as may be taught in connection therewith, or which are generally taught in schools; said school to be known under the name of "Socrates Anglo-Greek School".

**Name of school.**

**Charitable institutions.**      **4.** The said corporation shall have the power to form, erect and maintain benevolent and charitable institutions for the relief and support of the aged, the sick, the poor and the orphans of Greek nationality.

**Property vested in corporation.**      **5.** All property, moveable and immoveable, which may be held in trust for the said corporation shall be and the same is hereby transferred to and vested in the said corporation.

**Power to acquire property.**      **6.** The said corporation may, for the purposes of its business, acquire by purchase, gift, will or otherwise, property, moveable and immoveable, provided that the immoveable property held by it at any one time shall not exceed in value one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and may, at any time, sell, lease, exchange, hypothecate or alienate its property or any part thereof, and acquire other immoveable property in lieu thereof, and the said corporation shall have the power to borrow money and, for its own purposes, to draw, make, accept and indorse bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments under the hands of its officers or others as may be determined by the board of trustees.

**Power to borrow, etc.**

**7.** If the corporation receives, either by donation or by will, any immoveable property over and above what it is authorized to hold, the said gift or legacy shall not, on that account, be null; but the corporation shall be bound, within ten years after that of its entry into peaceable possession of the said gift or legacy, to sell or alienate the same or any other of its properties so that the total value of its immoveable property shall not be more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as above mentioned.

Disposal of property in excess of limitation.

**8.** The corporation known as "Holy Trinity Church Greek Orthodox", constituted by letters patent issued on the 12th of September, 1925, and the corporation known as "Socrates Anglo-Greek School, Inc.", constituted by letters patent issued on the 16th of July, 1925, are hereby merged and amalgamated with the said corporation, and all their rights and properties, moveable and immoveable, are vested in the said corporation, subject to their liabilities.

Amalgamation of corporations.

**9.** The said corporation shall keep, in English or in French, registers for acts of civil status and may, from time to time, appoint a minister and may remove him and appoint another or others in his place, and the officiating minister of the said congregation is hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize marriage and to keep registers for acts of civil status and to exercise all other powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations, the whole in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code and with the general laws of this Province.

Registers for acts of civil status.

**10.** All entries of acts of civil status made after the 1st of September, 1925, in the registers kept by the minister or ministers officiating for the aforesaid "Holy Trinity Church Greek Orthodox" are declared valid for all legal purposes, and all marriages performed after such date by the said minister or ministers are hereby declared as valid and legal as if same had been performed by duly authorized ministers of a religious congregation empowered to keep registers for acts of civil status, provided the further requirements of the law have been complied with.

Validation of entries and marriages.

**11.** The board of trustees is authorized to appoint a president, secretary and other officers for the said corporation, and to make by-laws for the regulation and government of the said corporation and for charitable aid, and shall have the power to amend and repeal the whole or any part of the said by-laws as may be expedient, provided

Power of board of trustees to appoint officers, etc., and make by-laws.

always that none of such by-laws be inconsistent with this act or with the laws of this Province, and further provided that the said by-laws, unless ratified at the next annual meeting of the corporation, or at some special meeting held for the purpose, shall, from and after the date of the said annual meeting, cease to have effect.

Trustees.

**12.** George C. Spiliotopoulos, Athanasios C. Sperdakos, Athanasios D. Schoolarinos, Demetrios Apostolopoulos, George Kalfas, Theodoros Skaperdas, and George Deme-telin are appointed trustees to hold office until the first of July, 1926, or until replaced by others duly appointed in their stead.

Holding of  
general  
meeting.  
Place of  
meeting.  
Number of  
trustees.

**13.** Within three months after the coming into force of this act, there shall be held a general meeting of the members of the said corporation in the city of Montreal, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees of not more than eleven and not less than seven members, to take office from the first of July, 1926, but the trustees appointed by the present act shall be eligible for reëlection.

Calling of  
meeting.  
Notice.

**14.** The said meeting shall be called by the trustees appointed by this act or upon their failure so to do by three members by giving a previous notice of at least ten days, of the place, day and hour at which it will be held, by registered letter mailed to the address of the members, or by a notice inserted on two successive days in a newspaper printed in the English language and a newspaper printed in the Greek language in the city of Montreal.

Date of an-  
nual meet-  
ings, etc.

**15.** The dates of the annual meetings of the corpora-tion and the term of office of the trustees and the manner of their reëlection may be determined by by-law at the first general meeting or at any subsequent general meeting called in the manner hereinabove prescribed, or in such other manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the said corporation.

Provisions  
not ap-  
plicable.

**16.** The act of the late Province of Lower Canada 9-10 George IV, chapter 75, shall not apply to members and officiating minister of the said congregation.

Corporate  
seat.

**17.** The corporate seat of the said corporation shall be in the city of Montreal.

Annual  
statement to

**18.** The corporation shall, annually in the month of January and whenever required so to do by the Prov-

incial Secretary, transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Lt.-Gov. in Council a detailed statement of its immoveable property, Council. a copy of its rules and regulations, and the names of its officers.

**19.** This act shall come into force on the day of its <sup>Coming into</sup> sanction. <sub>force</sub>

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