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November 20, 2005

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations PO Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Subject:

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.

Articles of Amendment

Document \$ 764098

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Greek Orthodox Community of West Central Florida, Inc.

Our Articles were amended, essentially removing our By-Laws from this document.

We respectfully request that a Certified Copy of our Revised Articles be returned to us for our records.

From:

George S. Mavros, President 6 Byrsonima Court West Homosassa, FL 34446

[352] 344-6547

Sincerely

George S. Mayros

President

THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY of West Central Florida, Inc.

A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT

ARTICLES OF AMMENDMENT

History:

Articles of Incorporation adopted May 7, 1982.

Revised August 12, 1984, amended Articles II(f), II(g) and IV

Revised December 10, 1989, amended Articles VI, X and added XI

Revised November 10, 1991, amended Articles I, IV, IX and incorporated all previous revisions

Revised December 12, 1993, amended Article VI

Revised November 20, 2005, amended to remove articles contained in by-laws enacted the same date and pursuant to the newly revised Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Model Parish By-Laws of the Metropolis of Atlanta.

Article I

The name of the corporation shall be THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC., a non-profit corporation and its principle place of business shall be the Community of Lecanto, County of Citrus, and State of Florida.

Article II

The principal office of the corporation shall be at 4705 W. Gulf-to-Lake Hwy, Lecanto, Florida. The mailing address of the corporation shall be P.O. Box 241, Inverness, FL 34451-0241.

Article III

The aims and purpose of this corporation shall be as follows:

(a) To preserve and perpetuate in their true and authentic form the Greek Orthodox

Faith and tradition in conformity with the doctrines, canons, rites, and administrative

rulings, usages and customs of the Greek Orthodox Church, as have been formulated, in accordance with the Holy Scripture and the Sacred Tradition, by the Seven Ecumenical Councils of the One and Undivided Church of Christ and its Synods and promulgated by the authority of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, in Istanbul, currently Turkey.

- (b) To preserve the Greek Language in which the Gospels were originally written, and to uphold it through proper instruction thereof to our children.
- (c) To erect, purchase and maintain Churches, Schools, Community Centers and any necessary annexes thereto.
- (d) The Community shall unreservedly and irrevocably recognize and abide by the ecclesiastical authority of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, which canonically and historically is under the supreme jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.
- (e) The Community shall observe the Constitution and by-laws, the administrative rulings, the canons, discipline, worship, customs, regulations and encyclicals of the said Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and shall conform and abide by the legislation adopted by its biennial ecclesiastical congresses and the administrative decisions and rulings of its mixed council of clergy and laity.
- (f) The purpose for which this corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not

carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under articles 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Article IV

Directors shall be elected as stated in the by-laws of the corporation.

Article V

Corporate powers are not limited.

Article VI

The name and residence of the subscriber hereto is:

George S. Mavros 6 Byrsonima Court West Sugarmill Woods Homosassa. FL 34446

The Office of the Corporation being: 4705 W. Gulf-to-lake Hwy, Lecanto Florida 34461.

Article VII

1. The name and address of the incorporating officers are as follows:

George S. Mavros, President 6 Byrsonima Court West Sugarmill Woods Homosassa, FL 34446

Stephan E. Ponticos, Treasurer 7 Byrsonima Court West Sugarmill Woods Homosassa, FL 34446 George R. Kanaris, Vice-President 9 Byrsonima Court West Sugarmill Woods Homosassa, FL 34446

Athena Binikos-Brom Secretary 13606 Whitby Road Hudson, FL 34667

2. The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual unless and until dissolved as it is now or may be hereafter provided by law.

- 3. Dissolution of this corporation shall require the following:
 - a. A Special Meeting convened for the sole purpose of dissolution.
 - Notice of said special meeting to all members of record at least 30 days prior to a vote on dissolution.
 - c. A quorum is not required at the Special Meeting held solely for dissolution, however 2/3 of the full membership of record must vote in favor of dissolution.
 - d. Absentee ballots may be cast, however must be received prior to the date of the special meeting.

All assets of the Corporation shall first be used to satisfy any indebtedness of the corporation and any remaining funds, assets in general, shall become assets of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Metropolis of Atlanta, 6 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329, for disbursement as the Metropolitan of Atlanta deems necessary or appropriate to fulfill the mission of his Episcopate.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta, which is now exempt under 501(c)(3), or if not exempt at time of dissolution to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(s)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purpose.

4. The corporation will be carry out it's activities in accordance with duly enacted bylaws of the corporation which may from time to time be amended pursuant to the requirements of the by-laws.

Article VIII

The Articles of this Corporation shall be made, altered, amended or rescinded, and any amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, must be proposed, approved and adopted, by 2/3 of membership in attendance at a general membership meeting; where total members present number at least 25% of total membership (a quorum, herewith defined) as of the date of the meeting at which such item is to be voted on. Except, amendments to Article VII, paragraph 3, shall require a special meeting where 2/3 of the full membership of record vote in favor of dissolution.

Article IX

At the discretion and pleasure of the Parish Council, this corporation may authorize the formation of auxiliary organizations to assist in the promulgation of the aims and goals of said corporation as stated in Article II. Auxiliary organizations, which may include but not limited to; Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary, Youth Auxiliary(ies), etc..

We certify that these articles, originally adopted on November 10th, 1991, have been amended as per the constraints of Article VIII of this corporation on November 20th, 2005.

Adopted by the members on November 20, 2005.

George S. Mavros

Parish President

Athena Binikos-Brom Parish Secretary

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