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July 6, 2000

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are two copies of *Articles of Incorporation for Orthodox Catholic Church, Inc.*
and check payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$70.00.

Sincerely,

+Elia-John E. Vaporis

cc: Files,
Archbishop Emmanuel
Bishops Ray & Armand

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH (WESTERN RITE), INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

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**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be:

Orthodox Catholic Church (Western Rite), Inc.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS & MAILING ADDRESS**

The principle place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

*518 3rd Avenue South, Suite 206
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701*

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE(S)**

The specific purpose(s) for which this corporation is organized is (are):

The purpose(s) for which ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH (WESTERN RITE), INC. is organized are exclusively religious, scientific, literary,, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Notwithstanding any provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities nor permitted to be carried on by an organizational exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

This corporation shall also establish parishes wherever deemed necessary for the purpose of teaching and preaching Scriptural and Biblical doctrine, especially the doctrine of salvation through Jesus Christ alone; and to administer the Sacraments under the authority of the Titular Head of this corporation, his Successor, and his Bishops.

**ARTICLE IV
MANNER OF ELECTION OF BISHOPS (DIRECTORS)**

The manner in which the Bishops (Directors) are elected shall be as follows:

The by-laws shall state the manner in which Bishops (Directors) of this corporation shall elect members subject to the approval of the Archbishop (Titular Head & Spiritual Leader).

**ARTICLE V
LIMITATIONS OF CORPORATE POWER**

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302m Florida Statutes, unless limited, are as follows:

Subject to the limitations contained in the by-laws, and any limitations set forth in the corporate not-for-profit laws of the State of Florida, by-laws may be made altered, rescinded, added to, or new by-laws may be adopted, either by resolution, or by following the procedure set forth in the by-laws.

**ARTICLE VI
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT & ADDRESS**

The name and street address of the initial Registered Agent is:

*Most Rev. Elia-John E. Vaporis, Ph.D., OSH
518 3rd Avenue South, Suite 206
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701*

**ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATOR(S)**

The name(s) and street address(es) of the incorporators are:

*Archbishop/Director Most Rev. Elia-John E. Vaporis, Ph.D., OSH
518 3rd Avenue South, Suite 206
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701*

*Secretary/Director: Most Rev. Armand LeMieux, H.L.D., SCM
518 3rd Avenue South, Suite 707
St. Petersburg, Florida 33791*

*Treasurer/Director: Most Rev. Raymond H. Young, D.D., OSH
5727 Biscayne Court
New Port Richey, Florida 34652*

**THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR HAS EXECUTED THESE ARTICLE OF
INCORPORATION THIS: 9th Day of July, 2000**

Signature of Incorporator

Most Rev. + Elia John E. Vaporis

Most Rev. Elia-John E. Vaporis, Ph.D., OSH

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

**PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES,
THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING
THE REGISTERED OFFICE/AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

1. The name of the corporation is: *ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH (WESTERN RITE), INC.*
2. The name and address of the Registered Agent and Office is:

Most Rev. Elia-John E. Vaporis, Ph.D., OSH

518 3rd Avenue South, Suite 206

St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Having been named as Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as Registered Agent.

Most Rev. Elia-John E. Vaporis

(Signature)

7-9-2000

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