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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SAINT SAMAAN EL-KARAZ COPTIC  
ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SARASOTA, CORP.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I. - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be SAINT SAMAAN EL-KARAZ COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SARASOTA, CORP. The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is 3924 Meadow Creek Lane, Sarasota, Florida 34233.

**ARTICLE II. - PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is formed is for religious worship and education. It is the initial desire of this corporation, subject to change from time by the direction of the Trustees, that His Grace Bishop Youssef direct the religious conduct of the church along the lines as currently existing for the Diocese of the Southern United States with the specific understanding that His Grace Bishop Youssef, and also the Diocese of the Southern United States, will have no legal or financial responsibilities over this corporation and church. The corporation shall receive and administer funds exclusively for religious and educational purposes within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code, and to that end to take and hold bequests, devises, gifts, grants, purchase, lease or otherwise any property, real, personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to amount or value; to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or the income thereof in such manner as, in the judgment of the Trustees, will best promote the purposes of the corporation without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the corporation, or any laws applicable thereto. To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its Trustees or officers except as permitted under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. 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 Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

### **ARTICLE III. - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation is to exist perpetually. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets, after the payment of all liabilities, of the organization will be turned over to the Diocese of the Southern United States under the supervision of HIS GRACE BISHOP YOUSSEF.

### **ARTICLE IV. - MEMBERS**

The corporation is organized under a nonstock basis as defined in Section 617.011 of the Florida Statutes. The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Board of Trustees. The members of the corporation shall consist of the members of the church from time to time who are in good standing as defined by the By-Laws of the corporation.

### **ARTICLE V. - SUBSCRIBERS**

The names and addresses of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

GEORGE MANSOUR  
4899 Peregrine Point Circle East  
Sarasota, FL 34231

MONA MANSOUR  
4899 Peregrine Point Circle East  
Sarasota, FL 34231

### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

The affairs of the corporation shall be administered by the officers designated in the By-Laws. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the members of the corporation and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

The names of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Trustees are as follows:

GEORGE MANSOUR -- President and Treasurer  
MONA MANSOUR -- Secretary

#### **ARTICLE VII. - BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The corporation shall have three Trustees, initially. The number of Trustees of the corporation may be increased or decreased from time to time, as set forth by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the initial Trustees of this corporation are as follows:

GEORGE MANSOUR  
4899 Peregrine Point Circle East  
Sarasota, FL 34231

MONA MANSOUR  
4899 Peregrine Point Circle East  
Sarasota, FL 34231

SAMIR HANNA  
4749 Meadowview Blvd.  
Sarasota, FL 34233

Members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting, shall serve without compensation for a term of two (2) years or until their successor has been elected, and may be recalled and removed from office with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of the majority of the members of the corporation. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the remaining members of the Trustees.

At the first election of Trustees when the Trustees are to be elected by members of the corporation, the Trustees to be elected shall be three (3) for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, three (3) Trustees shall be elected every other year for a term of two (2) years.

The members cannot change the Trustees until the financial obligations regarding the purchase of the church property have been fulfilled or paid in full or the guarantee or obligations of the guarantors have been discharged or removed. Upon the satisfaction in full of the guarantee of the church mortgage and the reimbursement in full of all indebtedness represented by notes to the initial Trustees have been satisfied in full, the members may change the Trustees and may reincorporate or change the By-Laws in any manner that the members please, within the guidelines of the Not For Profit Corporation Act.

**ARTICLE VIII.**  
**INCORPORATOR, REGISTERED OFFICE, REGISTERED AGENT**  
**AND ACCEPTANCE**

The name of the registered agent and the street address of the registered office of the corporation, and the name and address of each incorporator of this corporation are as follows:

Registered Agent:

GEORGE MANSOUR

Registered Office:

4899 Peregrine Point Circle East, Sarasota, FL 34231

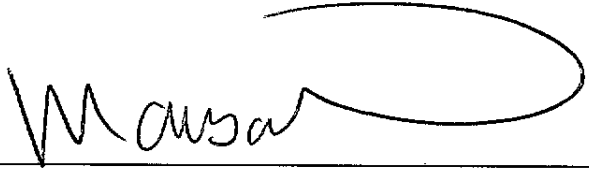
Incorporator:

GEORGE MANSOUR

4899 Peregrine Point Circle East, Sarasota, FL 34231

The effective date of this corporation is the date of filing.

I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for this corporation.

  
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GEORGE MANSOUR

**ARTICLE IX. - BY-LAWS**

The first By-Laws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Trustees and members in the manner provided by the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE X. - AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation has set his hand and seal this 9 day of October, 2002.

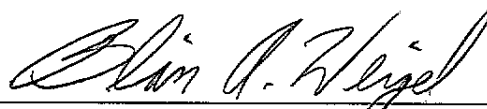


GEORGE MANSOUR, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared, GEORGE MANSOUR, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that he subscribed to those Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this 9 day of October, 2002.



Notary Public, State of Florida

