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# **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

| SUBJECT:                                 | St. John Theologian Orthodox Church, Inc.  |                                |  |  |  |
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|  | (PROPOSED CORPORATE  | NAME – <u>MUST INCLUD</u>      | DE SUFFIX)   |  |  |
| Enclosed is an original a                | nd one (1) copy of the Article   | es of Incorporation and a      | check for:   |  |  |
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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

July 29, 2009

V REV THEODORE PISARCHUK 1313 SW 104TH STREET GAINESVILLE, FL 32607

SUBJECT: ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, INC.

Ref. Number: W09000034546

We have received your document for ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The Florida Statutes require an entity to designate a street address for its principal office address. A post office box is not acceptable for the principal office address. The entity may, however, designate a separate mailing address. The mailing address may be a post office box.

The document must contain a registered agent with a Florida street address and a <u>signed</u> statement of acceptance. (i.e. I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent.)

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

You must list at least one incorporator with a complete business street address.

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6962.

Valerie Herring Regulatory Specialist II New Filing Section

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# ST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, INC.

# ARTICLET

#### NAME

The name of the corporation is St. John The Theologian Orthodox Church, Inc.

ON V Rev Theodore Pisarchuk

1313 SW 104th Street

**ARTICLE II** 

Gainesville, FL 32607

**DURATION** 

This corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing on the date filing of the original Articles of Incorporation. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation, but in no event to any organization which is not tax exempt as an organization described in each sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law; or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose, with the approval and/or permission of the Diocesan Bishop.

## ARTICLE III

# PURPOSE AND POWERS

The general purpose for which the corporation is initially organized is to care for the believers on the basis of the Teachings, the Canons, and the Traditions of the Orthodox Church, to serve their religious needs, and to further their moral betterment; this is to be done under the spiritual guidance and administrative authority of the Diocese-of-the-South of the Orthodox Church in America with the approval and/or permission of the Diocesan Bishop; and to engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The purposes for which the corporation is organized, as delineated above, are exclusively religious, charitable, literary, or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:

- (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the

  Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any corresponding provision of any future Internal
  Revenue Code, or
- (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue Code.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

# QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION

In order for persons to be eligible as members in the corporation, they shall have been baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Church; shall be willing to abide by the Teachings, the

Canons, and the Traditions of the Orthodox Church; and shall accept the canonical and administrative authority of the Diocese-of-the-South of the Orthodox Church in America.

Admission to membership requires that the eligible persons avow their intent to participate in the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion at least once a year; to care for the welfare of the corporation; and to fulfill the financial obligations established by the corporation as set forth and amended as necessary in the By-Laws of the corporation with the approval and/or permission of the Diocesan Bishop.

# ARTICLEV

# **BY-LAWS**

The Uniform Parish Bylaws of the Diocese-of-the-South of the Orthodox Church in America, including the Statutes Governing Missions and the Statutes of the Orthodox Church of America, shall fully regulate the activities of this corporation and, as promulgated or amended by the Orthodox Church in America, shall be adopted in full as the By-Laws of this corporation, it being understood that these By-Laws are uniform throughout the Diocese-of-the-South of the Orthodox Church in America and with the approval and/or permission of the Diocesan Bishop. Accordingly, these By-Laws may not be unilaterally amended, changed, deleted or adopted in part only, by this corporation or any officer or director therein.

# **ARTICLE VI**

# **OFFICERS**

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the officers whose positions and duties are set forth in the By-Laws of the corporation. The manner of electing or replacing the officers of the corporation is set forth in the By-Laws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of this corporation, determined in accordance with the By-Laws of this Corporation, shall collectively be known as the "Council." The number of directors may be either decreased or increased from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws of the corporation; however, there shall never be less than one director.

V Rev Theodore Pisarchuk, 12451 Muscovy Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32223 Dr Michael Herkov, 1313 SW 104th St, Gainesville, FL 32607 Dn Theodore Brinegar, 5628-1 118th St, Jacksonville, FL 32256

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### PARISH PROPERTY

a. The parish or parish corporation is the sole owner of all parish property, assets, and funds. In administering them, however, the parishioners and the officers elected by them must always remember the religious nature, purposes, and goals of the parish and act as trustees of God's, not man's, property. The parish, as the whole Church,

- serves God and cares for God's work in the world, and all decisions concerning parish property must be inspired by that care and by the spiritual needs of the Church.
- b. If the parish is abolished, its property is disposed of following the provisions of the parish bylaws. If no such provisions exist, the property is at the disposition of the Diocesan Authority. In all cases, the sacred and untouchable items: the Holy Antimension, the Tabernacle, and the Sacred Vessels, must be surrendered to the Diocesan Bishop.

WITNESS our respective hands and seals on the dates and places indicated below.

V Rev Theodore Pisarchuk

President

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Date

Dr Michael Herkov

Treasurer

Printed Name

6-20-09

Date

Dn Theodore Brineger

Vice President

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Date

# ARTICLE IX INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The <u>name and Florida street address</u> (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is: V Rev Theodore Pisarchuk, 12451 Muscovy Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32223

# ARTICLEX INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Dr Michael Herkov, 1313 SW 104th St, Gainesville, FL 32607

Having been named as registered agont to agreet service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

Signature/Incorporator

6-17-09

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SECRETARY OF STATE