

N16000010432

(Requestor's Name)

(Address)

(Address)

(City/State/Zip/Phone #)

☐ PICK-UP ☐ WAIT ☐ MAIL

(Business Entity Name)

(Document Number)

Certified Copies _____ Certificates of Status _____

Special Instructions to Filing Officer:

Office Use Only



200291544892

10/24/16--01039--005 **78.75

15 AUG 24 AM 9:00
FBI, NEW YORK
RECEIVED

COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: St. Philopateer Coptic Orthodox Church, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Ehab Azer

Name (Printed or typed)

2872 Hazel Grove Ln.

Address

Oviedo, FL 32766

City, State & Zip

407.375.3422

Daytime Telephone number

ehab_azer@yahoo.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Articles Of Incorporation
Of
St. Philopateer Coptic Orthodox Church, Inc.
(A Non-Profit Religious Corporation without members)

I.

The name of the Corporation is:

St. Philopateer Coptic Orthodox Church, Inc.

II.

The address of the principal office of the Corporation is:

1653 Guava Ave, Melbourne, FL 32935

III.

The Corporation is a religious corporation and not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Non-Profit Religious Corporation Law primarily for religious purposes.

IV.

The Corporation shall continue in perpetuity.

V.

The Corporation is organized for religious worship according to the principles of faith, mission, order and Uniform By-Laws for The Coptic Orthodox Churches of North America, as amended from time to time. The Corporation hereby adopts, for all purposes, and, subject to the provisions of Article V hereof, shall be governed by, said Uniform By-Laws for The Coptic Churches of North America, as amended from time to time.

VI.

The Corporation will not have members. The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of no less than three Trustees. The Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate - Diocese of Southern United States in which the place of worship of ST. PHILOPATEER COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, INC. is located, and his successors in office, shall, by virtue of his office, be a trustee of this Corporation. Two or more persons selected by the Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate - Diocese of Southern United States from among the priests and deacons of ST. PHILOPATEER COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, INC. in the manner provided from time to time by the rules and regulations of the Coptic Orthodox Church adopted by the Synodical Committee for the Coptic Churches in Immigration shall also be trustees of this Corporation, and the Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate - Diocese of Southern United States and the other such persons shall together constitute the Board of Trustees thereof. The Trustees of ST. PHILOPATEER COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, INC. shall exercise their powers in accordance with the rules, statutes, regulations and usages of the Coptic Church of Alexandria adopted by Synodical Committee for the Coptic Churches in Immigration, provided, however, that no act or proceeding of the Trustees of this Corporation shall be valid without the approval of the Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate - Diocese of Southern United States in which the place of worship of this Church is located, or, in case of his absence or inability to act, without the approval of the Vicar of such Diocese or Archdiocese. The number of Trustees may be increased or decreased by adoption or amendment of bylaws. The Board of Trustees shall consist of the following persons at the following addresses:

<i>Name of Trustee</i>	<i>Address</i>
<i>Bishop Youssef</i>	<i>P.O. Box 1005, Colleyville, Texas 76034</i>
<i>Father Raphael Kerelos</i>	<i>1653 Guava Ave, Melbourne, FL 32935</i>
<i>Father Daoud Tawadros</i>	<i>7851 Riviera Blvd, Miramar, FL 33023</i>

VII.

A Trustee is not liable to the Corporation for monetary damages for an act or omission in the Trustee's capacity as Trustee except to the extent otherwise provided by a statute of the State of Florida.

VIII.

The Corporation shall not pay dividends or other corporate income to its directors or officers or otherwise accrue distributable profits or permit the realization of private gain. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action prohibited by the State of Florida.

The Corporation shall have no power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for a tax exemption under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for receiving tax deductible charitable contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(2) and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. Regardless of any other provision in these Articles of Incorporation or state law, the Corporation shall have no power to:

- 1. Engage in activities or use its assets in manners that are not in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes, as set forth above and defined by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures, except to an insubstantial degree.*
- 2. Serve a private interest other than one that is clearly incidental to an overriding public interest.*
- 3. Devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, except as provided by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings and procedures.*
- 4. Participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The prohibited activities include the publishing or distributing of statements and any other direct or indirect campaign activities.*
- 5. Have objections that characterize it as an "action organization" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures.*
- 6. Distribute its assets on dissolution other than for one or more exempt purposes; on dissolution, the Corporation's assets shall be distributed to the state government for a public purpose, or to an organization exempt from taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) to be used to accomplish the general purposes for which the Corporation was organized.*

7. *Permit any part of the net earnings of the Corporation to inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or member of the Corporation or any private individual.*
8. *Carry on an unrelated trade or business except as a secondary purpose related to the Corporation's primary, exempt, purposes.*

The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d). The Corporation shall not retain excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c). The Corporation shall not make any investments that would subject it to the tax described in Section 4944. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(e).

IX.

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation. The Property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious or charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon dissolution, all of the Corporation's assets shall be distributed to one or more of the Coptic Orthodox Churches in the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate - Diocese of Southern United States, organized and operated exclusively for charitable and religious purposes as shall from time to time qualify as exempt from taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

X.

The Corporation shall take no action(s) contrary to the rules, statutes, regulations and usages of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria adopted by the Synodical Committee for the Coptic Orthodox Churches in Immigration, or contrary to the policies of the Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States.

XI.

The Corporation may indemnify a person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in litigation or other proceedings because the person is or was a Trustee or other person related to the Corporation as provided by the provisions in the Act governing indemnification. As provided in the bylaws, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to define the requirements and limitations for the Corporation to indemnify Trustees, officers, or others related to the Corporation.

XII.

All references in these Articles of Incorporation to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

XIII.

The Officers of the Corporation are:

*Fr. Raphael Kerelos- Vice President
1653 Guava Ave, Melbourne, FL 32935*

*Akram Loka - Treasurer
375 22nd Ave SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962*

*Gerges Shanad - Secretary
360 21st Court SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962*

*Michael Marzouk - Director
2220 3rd Place SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962*

Amir Gad – Director
2190 3rd Lane SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962



Ehab Azer – Director
2872 Hazel Grove Ln., Oviedo, FL 32766

XIV.

The name and address in the State of Florida of the Corporation's Incorporator and registered agent for service of process:

Ehab Azer
2872 Hazel grove Ln. Oviedo, FL 32766

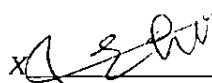

Dated: October 17, 2016

Signature of Incorporator and Register Agent

Incorporator and Register Agent: **Ehab Azer**

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Incorporator and Registered Agent.

Signature of Incorporator and Register Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF

On October 17, 2016 before me EHAB AZER,

Personally appeared Ehab Azer, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.


Notary Public

