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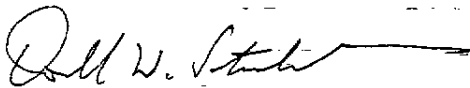
Please receive this filing of Articles of Incorporation for registering and certifying. This is a new church organization in the Sarasota area. This will be a non-profit religious organization and I am handling the I.R.S. portion.

Enclosed is our check for the filing fee of \$122.50.

Please return the certified copy with assigned document number to me at the address printed at the top of this letter.

Thank you for your usual efficient and courteous treatment every time I call your office.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Struble, M.B.A.  
Director

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, INC.**

(a corporation not for profit)

We, the undersigned, acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of the State of Florida for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation, as by law provided.

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**ARTICLE 1.**

**Name**

1.1) Name. The name of the Corporation shall be THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, INC., and the principal office shall be 4460 Northgate Court, Sarasota, Florida 34234.

**ARTICLE 2.**

**Purposes and Powers**

2.1) Purposes. The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, educational, and charitable purposes 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, and such purposes shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

B. To regularly assemble together the members of this Corporation for fellowship one with another both in public congregations or in small fellowship groups in houses and other places, to worship God in Spirit and in truth and to cooperate in the building up of the whole body of Christ. To this end, this corporation shall function as a church and a denomination of different churches and ministries.

C. To provide schooling and academic studies in a Christian environment, at the primary, secondary, college, and seminary level, in campus settings and through distance education. This shall include, but not be limited to the operating of schools or learning centers, Bible college, seminary, institute for higher learning, and foreign study arrangements. May issue certificates, diplomas, academic degrees, and academic achievement awards appropriate and commensurate with the training contained within the education program of the corporation.

D. To strengthen the family units so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standards, by providing pastoral and human relations counseling in appropriate locations to those who need and request such ministry.

E. To provide an organization or fellowship of Christian ministers joining together for the mutual benefit of ministers and ministries, which will promote the ministry of Christian evangelism while glorifying God, nurturing people in Biblical faith, and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to define, establish and maintain professional standards and ethics which verify the members qualifications of professional knowledge and practice.

- F. To promote the observation of the Old Testament feasts and to teach the observance of kosher foods.
- G. To restore the recognition of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to the church, by including the Jewishness of the first century to practice of our faith.
- H. To provide biblical and archeological research to the study of the Bible, by studying and traveling to Israel, the land of the Bible.
- I. To conduct missionary outreach and evangelism to foreign nations and unreached people groups, including on-site ministry and the transportation of certain necessary goods and services to and from those countries.
- J. To issue ministerial credentials, to ordain, license or certify pastors, Christian counselors, Christian clinical therapists, pastoral counselors, Christian social workers, Christian school teachers, and ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Corporation's statement of faith, to individuals, men and women, after due investigation, examination of qualifications, and approval of the Presbytery, Bishop or his representatives, or a Board of Examiners.
- K. To operate and maintain day care centers and day schools for children, with materials and content based on the Word of God, the Bible. To underwrite the expense of such ministry by the charging of fees and tuitions from the parents and families of the children and students.
- L. To perform the Sacraments of the Church which include, but are not limited to, the following: to baptize in water; to anoint the sick with oil; to conduct weddings and funerals; to dedicate infants; and to celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion).
- M. To act with charitable concern for, and to help, not only members of this Corporation, but also all people in need of any help which this Corporation can give, regardless of race, nationality or social position; to develop and carry out programs of social action for poor, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, underprivileged, or aged persons.
- N. To organize itself nationally by geographic regions or districts, with boards, officers, state organizations and connectional standards.
- O. To affiliate other Christian organizations and church congregations by agreement, into a common organization through this corporation, giving administrative, educational and spiritual leadership and to allow persons to hold dual membership or licensure with other organizations of like faith.
- P. To pray for the needs of all people, for local and national leaders and governments and for all that are in authority as instructed in I Timothy 2:1-3.
- Q. To support and encourage communication and extension of the Christian life and witness by sound and comprehensive preaching and teaching of Biblical principles to all people, both within this Corporation and elsewhere, not only by conventional modes, but also by all means which will accomplish such communication by modern technology.

These purposes should include to sponsor, participate in, conduct or engage in radio, broadcasting, television broadcasting, the printing or reproduction and publication of recordings, books and other materials, the establishment and operation of a school or schools, and the holding and conducting of seminars, study groups, work shops, and meetings, by either resident or traveling ministers; to receive offerings for such purposes; and to grant aid and pay reasonable compensation to persons, firms and corporations for services actually rendered for such purposes; provided, however, that none of the foregoing shall be done for private profit.

R. To establish and maintain a place of worship, study, recreation, retreat or social interaction, ministering to the whole family and the whole person, spirit, soul and body.

S. To recognize, support and cooperate with various national and international ministries established by God to equip believers to fulfill their respective functions as members of the Body of Christ and to bring the whole Body of Christ to unity, maturity and completion.

T. To provide and maintain homes and buildings for housing of such students, lecturers, teachers and ministers, as well as other related members of the Corporation; to furnish to such students, lecturers, teachers, educators and ministers suitable meals and lodging.

U. To establish, operate and support missions, missionaries and mission centers, both foreign and domestic, for the Christian ministry to people who do not have an established Christian place of worship.

V. To acquire, either by deed, gift or purchase, any real estate or personal property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Corporation and its stated purposes.

W. To mortgage, sell, or otherwise encumber any such property when such action is deemed to be in the best interests of the Corporation as defined in its stated purpose as a Christian organization.

2.2) Powers. To accomplish the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have all corporate powers permitted under Florida law, including the capacity to contract, bring suit and be sued.

2.2(a) No part of the income of the Corporation shall be distributed to the members, directors, and officers of the Corporation, except as may be paid as reasonable wages.

2.2(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any 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 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

2.2(c) This Corporation is specifically precluded from engaging in any prohibited activities as defined in Section 617.0105, Florida Statutes.

2.2(d) This corporation retains all of the rights and protections of a religious or church based organization guaranteed under the First Amendment and the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

### **ARTICLE 3.**

#### **Membership**

3.1) Membership. A member must be a mature person or a church congregation openly expressing a belief and faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ and qualified according to provisions of the Bylaws and those stated in paragraph 3.2 below.

3.2) The subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation shall be three (3) of the original members of the Corporation. Additional members may be selected by the Presbytery after being considered qualified as follows:

- A. Accept, believe in and rely on Jesus Christ for salvation;
- B. Believe that the Holy Bible is the Word of God;
- C. Acknowledge the Statement of Faith;
- D. Commit themselves to participate actively in the programs of the Church;
- E. Support the Church with their dues, tithes, and offerings;
- F. Submit to the authority of the leadership and to the discipline of the Church.

### **ARTICLE 4.**

#### **Period of Duration**

4.1) Period of Duration. The Corporation shall have perpetual existence. In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, no part of the Corporation's assets shall inure to the benefit of any member, but shall instead be distributed to such charitable organization or organizations selected by the final Presbytery of the Corporation which organization or organizations must qualify as charitable organizations under Sections 170 and 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

### **ARTICLE 5.**

#### **Subscribers**

5.1) Subscribers. The names and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Gilbert M. Wynne,	8101 Stone Road	Apopka , FL 32703
Rebecca O'Brien,	3555 Sedgemoor Circle,	Carmel, IN 46032
Dr. Donald W. Struble,	5824 Bee Ridge Road, #169,	Sarasota, FL 34233

### **ARTICLE 6.**

#### **Data Respecting Directors**

6.1) The affairs and property of the Corporation shall be managed and governed by a Presbytery, which shall function as the Board of Directors, composed of not less than three persons. They shall be elected annually according to the procedure set forth in the Bylaws.

6.2) The names and addresses of the persons to serve as the initial directors (Presbyters), until the first annual meeting are:

Gilbert M. Wynne,	8101 Stone Road,	Apopka, FL 32703
Rebecca O'Brien,	3555 Sedgemoor Circle,	Carmel, IN 46032
Eugenie M. Wynne,	8101 Stone Road,	Apopka, FL 32703
Dr. Donald W. Struble,	5824 Bee Ridge Road, #169,	Sarasota, FL 34233

#### **ARTICLE 7.**

##### **Officers**

7.1) Officers. The names of the officers who shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Presbytery are as follows:

President:	Gilbert M. Wynne
Vice President:	Rebecca O'Brien
Secretary:	Eugenie M. Wynne
Treasurer:	Dr. Donald W. Struble

#### **ARTICLE 8.**

##### **Bylaws**

8.1) Bylaws. The Bylaws of the Corporation may be altered, amended or rescinded in the following manner:

By vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full Presbytery, provided that a motion for such change must be made at a duly convened meeting of the Presbytery, and may not be voted upon for acceptance or rejection until the next convened meeting of the Presbytery and then only so long as the motion is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE 9.**

##### **Amendments**

9.1) Amendments. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

Such may be proposed and considered at any regular meeting of the Presbytery but may not be adopted until the next regular meeting of the Presbytery and then only by unanimous vote.

#### **ARTICLE 10.**

##### **Registered Agent**

10.1) The below named incorporators, desiring to organize this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby designate and appoint Gilbert M. Wynne as the Registered Agent of this corporation, to accept service of process and to serve in such capacity until his successor is selected and duly designated. His address of record is:

8101 Stone Road, Apopka, Florida 32703.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereunto set their hands and seals this

5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

Signed, sealed and delivered in  
our presence:

Gillian M. Wayne (SEAL)

Rebecca J. O'Brien (SEAL)

Quilley S. Shaw (SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA                    )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA            )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public duly authorized to take acknowledgments, personally appeared

**Dr. Donald W. Struble,**

to me known to be the person described as subscriber in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 5 day of  
May, 19 98.

Kelley Hightower  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



Kelley R. Hightower  
MY COMMISSION # CC624932 EXPIRES  
February 26, 2001  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.



STATE OF INDIANA )  
                  ~~Marion~~ ) SS  
COUNTY OF ~~HAMILTON~~ )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public duly authorized to take acknowledgments, personally appeared

**Rebecca O'Brien,**

to me known to be the person described as subscriber in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged before me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 1998.

Robert L. Trierweiler  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

ROBERT L. TRIERWEILER  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF INDIANA  
MARION COUNTY  
MY COMMISSION EXP. JUNE 18, 1999

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for The Orthodox Church of Jesus Christ, Inc., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I, Gilbert M. Wynne, of 8101 Stone Road, Apopka, Florida 32703, agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida Statutes relative to keeping open such office.

This 21 day of APRIL, 1998.

Gilbert M. Wynne (SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA                     )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF ORANGE             )

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public duly authorized to take acknowledgments, personally appeared

**Gilbert M. Wynne**

to me known to be the person described as a subscriber in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1998.



SUSAN A WASSA  
My Commission CC366746  
Expires Apr. 24, 1998  
Bonded by ANB  
800-852-5878

Susan A. Wassa  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

SUSAN A. WASSA  
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