

Articles of Incorporation of St. Gregory the Great Orthodox Church

TO:

**Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Business & Professional Licensing Administration
Corporations Division**

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ACT (D.C. Code, 2001 edition, Title 29, Chapter 3), adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of this Parish shall be “St. Gregory the Great Orthodox Church” (hereafter referred to as “St. Gregory Orthodox Church”) both ecclesiastically and in civil law.

SECOND: The period of its duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The purpose of this St. Gregory Orthodox Church is to maintain and preserve the spiritual and physical well-being and unity of its membership in this community, coordinate religious work or activity with the intent of propagating, practicing and forever perpetuating religious worship services, ministrations, Sacraments, and teachings in full accord and unity with the doctrines, rules, ritual, canon law, faith, practice, discipline, traditions and usages of the Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church, as administered under the authority and jurisdiction of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. In fulfilling this purpose, St. Gregory Orthodox Church is organized exclusively for the charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

FOURTH: The membership in the St. Gregory Orthodox Church shall consist of two kinds:

(A) Voting Membership and (B) General Membership.

A. Voting Membership:

The Voting membership shall consist of all persons eighteen (18) years of age and over, regardless of sex, who have been baptized and accepted in the membership of the Holy Orthodox Church according to its teachings, who accept, profess, and practice its faith

and discipline and who subscribe to the temporal maintenance of this, St. Gregory Orthodox Church through payment of such dues, pledges, and/or assessments as are prescribed by the Parish Council.

B. General (non-Voting) Membership:

The General Membership shall consist of all other persons who have been baptized and accepted in the membership of the Holy Orthodox Church according to its teachings and who accept and practice the faith and discipline of said Church and profess membership in St. Gregory Orthodox Church and are under eighteen (18) years of age.

FIFTH: The Parish Council shall consist of six (6) or more members according to the terms provided for in the Parish Constitution.

SIXTH: The regulation of the internal affairs of St. Gregory Orthodox Church shall be provided for in the Parish Constitution. The manner of the dissolution or final liquidation of St. Gregory Orthodox Church shall be as follows:

Title to all properties shall be held in the name of St. Gregory Orthodox Church. All titles, deeds and other documents relating to the property shall be kept in the custody of the Parish Council.

In the event of the dissolution of St. Gregory Orthodox Church, all its funds, properties, equipment and endowment shall revert at once and forthwith to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, a tax-exempt organization. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of this paragraph cannot be amended, altered, changed or modified.

No part of the net earnings of St. Gregory Orthodox Church shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that St. Gregory Orthodox Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of St. Gregory Orthodox Church shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and St. Gregory Orthodox Church shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, St. Gregory Orthodox Church shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SEVENTH: The name of the initial registered agent of St. Gregory Orthodox Church is Keivan Shahrokhi, a resident of the District of Columbia whose address is 1390 V Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009, and an initial Director of the corporation.

St. Gregory Orthodox Church's initial registered office is in the District of Columbia and is identical to the business office of the initial registered agent.

EIGHTH:

The names and addresses of the initial Directors of St. Gregory Orthodox Church are:

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Incorporators

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 3rd day of May, 2006.

_____ (Fr. Nicholas) Richard Alford, Pastor
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_____ James O'Neill, Chairman
4 West Walnut St.
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_____ Karl Tsuji, Treasurer
4325 Runabout Lane
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I, _____, A Notary Public, hereby certify that on the
3rd Day of May, 2006 (Fr. Nicholas) Richard Alford, James O'Neill and Karl Tsuji
appeared before me and signed the foregoing document as incorporators, and have
averred that the statements therein contained are true.
