

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

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AMERICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES  
(WESTERN ORTHODOX)

Pursuant to Article Two of the Religious  
Corporations Law of the State of New York.

We, the undersigned, the Curial Administrator  
(President), the Vicar-General, and Clerk of the American Orthodox  
Church of the United States (Western Orthodox), an unincorporated  
Archdiocesan Synod and governing body, having jurisdiction over  
all relations with a number of churches and synods, some of which  
are located within this State, being persons of full age, and at  
least two-thirds of us citizens of the United States, and at least  
one of us a resident of the State of New York, pursuant to Article  
Two of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, do  
hereby make, execute and acknowledge this certificate, as follows:

FIRST: That a stated meeting of the said American  
Orthodox Church of the United States (Western Orthodox) was duly  
held at 51 Bank Street in the City of New York, State of New York,  
on the 12th day of March 1969.

SECOND: That at said meeting, proceedings were  
duly taken for the incorporation of said unincorporated Church  
body pursuant to Article Two, Section 15 of the Religious Corpora-  
tions Law of the State of New York, and it was determined at said  
meeting that said unincorporated Ecclesiastical body be incorpora-  
ted.

THIRD: That by said proceedings it was determined  
that the name of the proposed corporation be: American Orthodox  
Church of the United States (Western Orthodox).

FOURTH: That the objects of this corporation are  
to promote, foster, disseminate and maintain the religious

principles and professions of the faith of the Ancient Orthodox Catholic Church, deriving its jurisdiction and episcopate from the Apostolic Church, and the establishment of religious organizations throughout the United States of America: To have jurisdiction over, upon establishing any and all primacies, provinces, Metropolitanates, Archdioceses, Dioceses, Vicarates Apostolic, Curial Administrations, Abbeys, Religious Foundations, Parishes, Missions, Chapels, Oratories, etcetera, and members thereof belonging to and subscribing to the faith and using the formularies of the Church Catholic: And grant and vest authority and power in such corporation to acquire, purchase, hold and convey property real, personal and mixed of every kind and character and from whatever source or means acquired, derived, given, received, donated and conveyed, and to lease, sell, convey and dispose of the same insofar as is permitted by the laws of the State of New York for the use and purposes and the maintenance of any primacies, provinces, Metropolitanates, Archdioceses, Dioceses, Vicarates Apostolic, Curial Administrations, Abbeys, Religious Foundations, Parishes, Missions, Chapels, Oratories, etcetera, within the jurisdiction of said Orthodox Catholic Church of the United States (Western Orthodox) and for the religious and charitable institutions under the jurisdiction and supervision of the presiding officer and his Co-adjutors and advisors and Further to solicit, collect and otherwise raise funds in order that the Church may make grants of money and/or equipment to duly authorized Churches, Hospitals and other Agencies of Charitable endeavor in any part of the world, also to establish churches, hospitals, infirmaries, schools, convents and such other religious, educational and charitable institutions for the preservation, treatment and cure of the afflicted, the teaching and practice of religious discipline, education and manual training of all Parishioners and adherents of the faith or converts within the jurisdiction of said Church



and for the purpose of uniting and centralizing into a religious, social, educational and benevolent organization of the members and their families belonging to all of the individual parishes, churches, missions, societies and congregations within such Church so adhering to, believing in and advocating the religious principles and faith of the American Orthodox Church of the United States (Western Orthodox), and persons favorably considering this end, and to consecrate Bishops, ordain Priests and Deacons, and others to minor orders, to receive and profess Monks and Nuns, to consecrate churches and cemeteries, to bless chancels, altars, etcetera, and to establish rules for the government of the same.

FIFTH: That the management of the aforesaid Church and corporation and the jurisdiction of all matters pertaining to the objects, interests and powers of the same and the power to establish for the government of the same shall be vested in a Board of five Trustees of which Board the primate of said church and his successors in office, or the Primatial Administrator shall be ex-officio, the Supreme official of said Board, further the Primatial Vicar General and the Primatial Chancellor (Clerk), and their successors in office shall, by virtue of their offices, be Trustees, of the church. Two laymen (Consultors), members of such incorporated church, selected by such officers or by a majority of them, subject to the Primate's approval, shall also be Trustees of such incorporated church, and such officers and such laymen Trustees shall constitute the Board of Trustees thereof. The two laymen signing the Certificate of Incorporation of the American Orthodox Church of the United States (Western Orthodox) shall be the two laymen Trustees thereof during the first year of its corporate existence. The term of office of the two laymen Trustees of the Church shall be one year. Whenever the office of any such layman Trustee shall become vacant by expiration of term of office

or otherwise, his successor shall be appointed from members of the Church, by such officers or a majority of them subject to the Primate's approval. No act or proceeding of the Trustees of said incorporated Church shall be valid without the sanction of the Primate of the Church, or in case of his inability to act, without the sanction of his coadjutor or the Administrator of the Church.

SIXTH: That a vote was duly taken for the election of Trustees; and the following five (5) persons, by a plurality vote, were duly elected to be the first Trustees of said corporation:

| <u>NAME</u>             | <u>ADDRESS</u>                     |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Robert Mary Clement     | 114 Christopher Street, N.Y., N.Y. |
| Michael P. P. DeValitch | 60 East 94th Street, N.Y., N.Y.    |
| Thomas A. P. Gilboy     | 25 Miner St., Wilkes-Barre, Penna. |
| John Noble              | 51 Bank Street, New York, N. Y.    |
| William Kroeger         | 51 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.   |

SEVENTH: That the principal office of said corporation is intended to be located in the County of New York, and is at present at 114 Christopher Street, Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York

EIGHTH: That ROBERT MARY CLEMENT, MICHAEL P. P. DeVALITCH, THOMAS A. P. GILBOY are respectively the presiding officer, the Vicar-General and the Clerk of the said unincorporated Archdiocesan body.



NINTH: That by said proceedings said presiding officer was duly authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and file this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made, signed and acknowledged this Certificate of Incorporation, this 12th day of March, 1969.

Robert M. Clement  
PRESIDING OFFICER

W. E. de la  
VICAR GENERAL

Sh. G. J. D. E.  
CLERK

John W. H. C.  
CONSULTOR

W. H. K. C.  
CONSULTOR

State: New York Sworn To before me this 28th day of May 1969  
County: New York

Sidney Silverstein  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 41-3672911  
Qualified in Queens County  
Commission Expires March 30, 1971

I have searched the files of the N.Y. County Clerk's office  
and have not found the same, or a similar name.

Robert M. Clement

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK ) ss. Norman H. Goodman  
I, JAMES MC CURRAN, COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT NEW YORK COUNTY  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SEARCHED THIS COPY WITH THE ORIGINAL THEREOF FILED IN MY  
OFFICE ON \_\_\_\_\_ AND THAT THE SAME IS A CORRECT TRANSCRIPT THEREFROM  
AND OF THE WHOLE OF SUCH ORIGINAL.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED MY OFFICIAL SEAL  
MAY 28 1969 Norman H. Goodman  
COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.  
FEE PAID \$1.00 FACSIMILE SIGNATURES USED PURSUANT TO SEC 103 COUNTY LAW