

RELIGIOUS CORPORATION
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ORTHODOX CHURCH

FIRST: The undersigned

Fr. Nicholas Alford of 9415 Wire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901;

Mr. David Caldwell of 20525 Beaver Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, Maryland 20886;

Mr. Pieter Dykhorst of 3319 Alden Place NE, Washington D.C. 20019; and

Mr. Karl Tsuji, of 4325 Runabout Lane, Fairfax, Virginia 22030:

being over 18 years of age and having been duly elected by the members of the congregation to act as trustees in the name and on behalf of the congregation and do hereby associate ourselves as incorporators with the intention of forming a religious corporation under the laws of Maryland, one of the several United States.

SECOND: The name of the corporation shall be “St. Gregory the Great Orthodox Church” (hereinafter referred to as “St. Gregory’s”) both ecclesiastically and in civil law.

THIRD: The purpose of St. Gregory’s 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 services, ministrations, holy sacraments, and teachings in full accord and unity with the doctrines, rules, ritual, canon law, faith practice, discipline, traditions, and usage of the Holy Orthodox 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’s 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 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

FOURTH: Election of Trustees:

A. Time and manner for the election of new Trustees (hereinafter referred to as “the Parish Council”):

The elected members of the Parish Council shall be elected by a plurality of ballots cast through the annual meeting which shall take place on or near the fourth Sunday in January. The tally of the ballots shall be made by the Pastor or a committee appointed for that purpose

by the Pastor. Each year, two new members will be elected for a term of three years. The newly elected members of the Parish Council, together with those members of the Parish Council whose terms have not expired, will constitute the new Parish Council and will be installed by the Pastor.

B. Qualifications of Those Enabled to be Elected as a Parish Council:

"Candidate" must: be eighteen (18) years of age or over; have been a member of the Voting Membership of the Parish for a period of no less than six (6) months as of the date of the election for which the Candidate is nominated, and have fulfilled the Canonical requirements of the Faith.

C. Qualifications of Those Able to Vote for the Parish Council:

Section 2. 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 Church according to the Holy Church's teachings; accept, profess, and practice the Holy Church's faith and discipline; and subscribe to the temporal maintenance of the Parish through payment of such dues, pledges, or assessments as are prescribed by the Parish Council.

FIFTH: The address of the principal place of worship shall be 13407 Roxbury Road (800 E. Randolph Road), Silver Spring, MD 20904.

SIXTH: The name and address of the resident agent of the corporation are:

Fr. Nicholas Alford of 9415 Wire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901.

SEVENTH: This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. Upon the dissolution of this corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section on any future federal tax code), or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

EIGHTH: IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the trustees have signed these articles of incorporation, and severally acknowledge the same to be our act.

SIGNATURE OF TRUSTEES:

I do hereby consent to my designation in this document as resident agent for the corporation.

SIGNATURE OF THE RESIDENT AGENT:

Please return to 9415 Wire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901.