

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
-OF-
AFRICAN ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH, INCORPORATED
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION: KRS 273.161

The undersigned incorporator, **Archbishop++Darel E. Chase, PhD, OSP**, executes these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming and does hereby form a nonstock, nonprofit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, KRS 273.161 et seq. , with all the rights privileges and immunities of a corporation organized for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or it's successor provisions, in accordance with the following provisions.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be:

AFRICAN ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

This organization is organized exclusively for religious, educational and charitable 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. Specifically, this organization is organized for the following purposes:

(i) To support the continuation, maintenance, expansion, and activities of the African Orthodox Catholic Church, Incorporated, and to serve as the primary fund raising organization for African Orthodox Catholic Church, Incorporated.

(ii) To enhance access to capital resources, including a program to encourage philanthropic giving in furtherance of the joint mission of the Corporation and African Orthodox Catholic Church, Incorporated.

ARTICLE III: REGISTERED OFFICE

The place in this state where the organization shall maintain its registered office is: **5311 Cane Run Road Louisville, KY 40258**

The mailing address of the organization shall be: **P. O. Box 58612 Louisville, KY 40268**

ARTICLE IV: REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent at this address shall be: **Abp.++Darel E. Chase, PhD, OSP**

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors of the organization shall consist of five (5) members, whose names and addresses are as follows:

Abp.++Darel E. Chase, PhD, OSP
Abp++Corey A. Jenkins, DD, OSP
Rev. Fr. Lofton Emenari
Rev. Dec. Tyrone Ramirez, OWP
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ARTICLE VI: DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on **(a)** by an organization 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 an organization, 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.

ARTICLE VII: STATEMENT OF DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public use. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the organization 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.

ARTICLE VIII: INCORPORATORS

This organization is hereby organized by the following incorporator(s), whose names and addresses are as follows:

Abp.++Darel E. Chase, PhD, OSP

P. O. Box 58612 Louisville, KY 40268

Executed by the Incorporator(s) on this 4th day of November, 2019.



Incorporator

Incorporator

CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

I, **Archbishop++Darel E. Chase, PhD, OSP**, consent to serve as registered agent on behalf of the corporation.



Signature of Registered Agent

Abp.++Darel E. Chase, PhD, OSP – CEO & President
Type or Print Name and Title