

5. The attached Restated Articles of Incorporation correctly set forth without change the corresponding provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, as previously amended. The Restated Articles of Incorporation, together with the designated amendments, if any, supersede the original Articles of Incorporation.	
6. Date when these Restated Article of Incorporation will be effective: CHECK ONE BOX ONLY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date received (Upon filing)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Later effective date (Date must be no more than 30 days from the date of filing) _____	
<i>Under penalty of perjury, we declare and affirm that we have examined these Restated Articles of Incorporation, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct.</i>	
Type or Print Corporate Name St. Basil the Great Melkite Catholic Church, Inc.	
Type or Print Name of the President <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Rev. Ephrem M. Kardouh	Date 7-24-24
Signature of President OR Vice President DocuSigned by: <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Fr. Ephrem Kardouh <small>A5076D1682274E2</small> </div>	
Type or Print Name of the Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR Assistant Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Boudjouk	Date 7-24-24
Signature of the Secretary OR Assistant Secretary DocuSigned by: <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Jeffrey Boudjouk <small>09A122204659AC1</small> </div>	

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH, INC.

ARTICLE I. Name. The name of the corporation St. Basil the Great Melkite Catholic Church, Inc. (the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II. Purpose and Character of Affairs. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and literary purposes within the meaning of I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3). These purposes shall include, but are not limited to, operating as a parish (or mission) of the Melkite Catholic Church of the Eparchy of Newton for the Melkites in the United States of America, managing the temporal affairs of the parish (or mission), and serving the spiritual and temporal needs of people in strict conformity with and subject to the laws and disciplines of the Melkite Catholic Church, including all applicable provisions of the Particular Law of the Eparchy of Newton and the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches of the Catholic Church, and any binding norms of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Corporation may carry out its purposes directly or by making gifts, grants or other payments to other qualified organizations. As used herein, the term "I.R.C." means the Internal Revenue Code and references to provisions thereof are to such provisions as they are from time to time amended and to corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Corporation also may transact any and all lawful business for which it has been organized under the laws of this State, as amended from time to time (the "Laws"), in furtherance of its exempt purposes.

ARTICLE III. Activities and Restrictions.

Section 1. No dividends, liquidating dividends, or distributions shall be declared or paid by the Corporation to any private individual including any parishioner, officer or director of the Corporation.

Section 2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, unless by appropriate election a greater part is permitted without jeopardizing the Corporation's exemption under I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3). The Corporation shall neither participate in, nor intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of any statements.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings or net income of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual including any parishioner, officer or director of the Corporation; provided, however, that such a person may receive reasonable compensation for personal services rendered, or reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred, which are necessary to carrying out the exempt purposes of the Corporation.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3), or by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under I.R.C. Section 170(c)(2).

ARTICLE IV. Members. The Corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE V. Board of Directors. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which shall consist of such number of persons as shall be fixed by the Bylaws from time to time, but shall not be less than the number of directors required by the Laws. The terms of office, qualifications, method of election, and voting rights of the directors shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. Amendment. This organizational document may be amended by the directors of the corporation by vote of two thirds of the number of those directors in office at the time that the amendment is adopted who have the authority under the bylaws to vote, provided that the Eparchial Bishop of the Eparchy of Newton is among the majority and that no amendment shall substantially change the original purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII. Indemnification. The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted or required by law, indemnify its Directors and officers against any and all liabilities, and advance any and all reasonable expenses incurred thereby in any proceeding to which any Director or officer is a party because such Director or officer is a Director or officer of the Corporation. The Corporation shall also indemnify its employees and authorized agents, acting within the scope of their duties as such, to the extent required by law and may indemnify such employees and authorized agents to the fullest extent permitted or required by law. No repeal, amendment or modification of this article, whether direct or indirect, shall eliminate or reduce its effect with respect to any matter giving rise to indemnification and advancement of expenses occurring prior to such repeal, amendment or modification.

ARTICLE VIII. Limitation on Director Liability. The personal liability of a director to the Corporation for monetary damage for any action or failure to take any action as director shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Laws as the same exists or may be hereafter amended. No repeal, amendment or modification of this article, whether direct or indirect, shall eliminate or reduce its effect with respect to any act or failure to take any action as a director occurring prior to such repeal, amendment or modification.

ARTICLE IX. Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively to The Diocese of Newton for the Melkites in the United States of America, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, or to its successor, provided such organization at the time of distribution is recognized as tax exempt under I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3), and further provided, however, that if at the time of dissolution the Eparchy of Newton has been divided into two or more eparchies or dioceses of the Catholic Church, the distribution shall be made to the organization recognized as tax exempt under I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3) through which the eparchy or diocese, within whose territory the Corporation maintains its principal place of business,

conducts its civil affairs. Any such distribution shall conform with the disciplines, doctrines, and teachings of the Catholic Church, including the Particular Law of the Eparchy of Newton and the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches and other relevant provisions of Eastern Canon Law.

ARTICLE X. Nondiscrimination. The Corporation has a racially nondiscriminatory policy and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national or ethnic origin.

ARTICLE XI. Duration. The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.



State of Rhode Island
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Gregg M. Amore, *Secretary of State*

I, GREGG M. AMORE, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,

hereby certify that this document, duly executed in accordance with the provisions

of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this

office on this day:

July 26, 2024 11:25 AM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg M. Amore".

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

