St. Simeon "The Myrrh Flowing

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ADDENDUM

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Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation of North Miami, Florida.

BY-LAWS ADDENDUM

TO THE UNIFORM RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARISHES AND CHURCH-SCHOOL CONGREGATIONS OF THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN THE U. S. A. AND CANADA.

Article 1.
PREAMBLE

The St. Simeon Church-School Congregation is comprised of those Orthodox Christian parishioners who have voluntarily obligated themselves to membership of this Congregation and is governed by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States of America and Canada and these Addenda.

The said Constitution and these Addenda supersede any and all previous By-Laws, regulations, charters, documents and forms of registration which may have existed from its founding to the date of the ratification and adoption of the present Constitution, Uniform Rules and Regulations and Addenda by the Diocesan Authority.

The official name of the Parish shall be The St. Simeon “The Myrrh Flowing” Serbian Orthodox Church of North Miami, Florida.
**Article 2.**

**GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES**

a) The Parish Church is located at 175 Northwest 154th Street, North Miami, Florida 33169.

b) Geographical boundaries are: North Miami with entire counties of Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and all other areas in Florida allocated to this Parish by the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America.

c) The official language of this Church-School Congregation is Serbian and/or English according to need.

**Article 3.**

**PURPOSE AND AFFILIATION**

The purpose of this Church-School Congregation is the sum total of that which is expressed and implied by the Constitution of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States and Canada in all of its parts.

This Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation and Parish is ecclesiastically, judicially and canonically an integral part of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of (Eastern America), one of the four Serbian Orthodox Dioceses which comprise the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States of America and Canada, which is an integral part of the Serbian Orthodox Church (Patriarchate) with its See in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. This Parish and Church-School Congregation is under the direct jurisdiction of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of (Eastern America) with its See at Mars, Pennsylvania.

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Article 4.

The official By-Laws of the Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation are those prescribed by Part Three, Uniform Rules and Regulations for Parishes and Church-School Congregations of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada, and this Addendum together with the Constitution above mentioned, supersedes any and all previous By-Laws, regulations, charters or documents and forms of registration which may have existed from its founding to the present, i.e., to date of the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws as approved and ratified by the appropriate ecclesiastic bodies and authorities thereunto appertaining.

Article 5.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Consistent with the Uniform Rules and Regulations cited above, the following operational procedures shall apply to the unique needs of this Church-School Congregation:

a) In addition to the officers of the Executive Board as provided by the Uniform Rules and Regulations, this Congregation shall also have three members at large who shall be members of the EXECUTIVE BOARD. Therefore, the Executive Board shall consist of 10 members, and they are: Parish priest, President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Three Members-at-Large.

b) The Executive Board shall be authorized to appro-
propriate funds for some unforeseen need, necessity or emergency not to exceed the amount authorized at the Annual Assembly, if such needs have not been previously anticipated in the Budget of the Congregation adopted at the Annual Assembly.

In the event that the need or emergency should exceed the above limit, the Executive Board shall be required to act in accordance with article 36 of the Uniform Rules and Regulations, i.e., to call a Special Assembly.

c) The quorum for the Annual and Special assemblies of this Church-School Congregation shall be a simple majority of the members in good standing. In the event that a quorum is not attained, provisions of Article 38 of the Uniform Rules and Regulations shall apply.

d) For all legal purposes, the “Board of Trustees” of this Church-School Congregation shall be deemed to be the duly elected and confirmed Executive Board and duly appointed Parish priest who shall occupy those offices and positions from year to year.

e) Candidate for the Executive Board must be a member in good standing in this Church-School Congregation for at least one (1) year. Rules apply from Article 27 of Part Three - Uniform Rules and Regulations for Parishes and Church-School Congregations of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada.

f) No letters of acceptance will be recognized. Nominees must be present for this meeting.

g) Candidates for President and/or Vice-President must have been a full-time resident of South Florida and a member of the St. Simeon Church-School Congregation in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years.

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h) Members of the Executive Board cannot be mutually in blood relationship up to the fourth degree inclusive, or by marriage or baptism to the second degree inclusive.

i) The Executive Board, in addition to the duties prescribed in Article 48 of the Uniform Rules and Regulations, shall prepare a report of its work and Annual Financial Statement as of December 31, as well as the proposed Budget for the next year and the same shall distribute to the members prior to the beginning of the Annual Assembly. Annual Assembly shall be held the end of January.

Article 6.

STANDING COMMITTEES
The Annual Assembly will name separate committees as may be needed for a limited term to accomplish the assigned tasks of interest to the Church-School Congregation. These committees shall be responsible to the Executive Board and they shall regularly report to the Executive Board.

Article 7.

1. MEMBERSHIP DUES
a) The annual membership dues is $52.00.

* The members of Circle of Serbian Sisters “Knjeginja Milica” can be a full-pledge voting member of Sisters and St. Simeon Church-School Congregation by paying only $25.00 dues to the Sisters. (Special consideration for the Sisters). These special members with no income to the church are not to be considered for Diocese Assessment.
2. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary membership is to be granted to the following persons:

a) A person who has been contributing to this parish financially or working in the past but are unable to continue due to health or financial reasons.

* Proposed honorary member should be submitted by the Executive Board to the Annual Assembly for its approval. These special (Honorary) members with no income to the church are not to be considered for Diocese Assessment and cannot vote or be elected, i.e. cannot be a voting member and cannot hold elected office.

REINSTATEMENT OF DELINQUENT MEMBERS

A member who is delinquent in the payment of his/hers dues, spiritual qualification, sacramental life and worship and pledges for one year shall be notified by the Executive Board and Priest. The said member has thirty days upon receipt of the letter to fulfill his/her obligations to the satisfaction of the Executive Board and local Priest to retain membership. To be reinstated, a former member shall submit an application in the same manner as a person who desires to become a member as prescribed in Article 29 in Part Three of the Uniform Rules and Regulations. Former member shall also be required to pay two (2) years of dues in arrears.
Article 8.
THE PARISH PRIEST

a) The Parish is filled with a Permanent Priest in either of two ways:
   * Election on the part of a Special Assembly of the membership of the Church-School Congregation on the basis of a published Concourse, approved by the Bishop. The election is approved by the Bishop or,
   * Appointment by the Bishop on the basis of a request by the Special Assembly.
No Executive Board or any other individual is allowed to change this procedure.

b) One half of the fees for all parochial rites shall go to the priest.

c) The Parish priest is to notify the Executive Board 30 days prior to departure on a vacation.

Article 9.

* Auxiliary Church organizations, as well as those Serbian organizations within this Parish which by decision of the Annual Assembly enjoy the privilege of the use of the church facilities (hall), must submit their request and dates to the Executive Board for approval. The Executive Board sets the dates for the needs of the Church Congregation and parish school which have a priority in the selection of dates.
* The Executive Board must be sure that the nature of the affair, program and identity of the renting party is not in conflict with the Constitution of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada, these By-Laws and the laws of the land.

* The Church Executive Board shall set all the rules and regulations pertaining to the rental of the hall/facilities and shall inform each renting party of their duties and obligations while on the premises for the event.

* All damages incurred to church property during the affair must be paid by the individual or organization who rented the premises.

* No church equipment or furniture is to be rented or loaned out of the church to anyone under any circumstances.

**Article 10.**

The fiscal year for this Church-School Congregation shall be from January 1 until December 31 of the same year. The Annual Financial Report and Budget Proposal for the following year shall be distributed to the members prior to the beginning of the Annual Assembly.

* Money collected through any fund-raising approved by the Executive Board and Annual or Special assembly, shall be used for that purpose only for which it was intended.
Article 11.
AMENDMENTS TO ADDENDUM of BY-LAWS

These By-Laws (Addendum) may be amended at the Annual Assembly or at a Special Assembly called for that purpose and duly summoned as prescribed by the Uniform Rules and Regulations.

These By-Laws (Addendum), adopted by the St. Simeon “The Myrrh Flowing” Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation in North Miami, Florida, at the Special Assembly of October 9, 1994 shall become effective and in force when approved by the Diocesan Bishop/Council.