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Sent: Wed, Apr 27, 2011 6:58 pm
Subject: SMPAC documentation - additional information regarding Fr. Simeon (Kharon)

Your Beatitude! Your Eminence! Your Graces!

Masters, Bless! Christ is Risen!

Yesterday, a package containing the requested documentation for the SMPAC's February 10 memorandum was sent to each of you. Please accept the e-mails below as an addition to that already-substantial documentation.

In Christ,

Jim Spencer

From: Spencer, James C.
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 3:04 PM
To: 'melchisedek999@yahoo.com'; 'Bishop Tikhon'
Cc: 'Fr. Ted Bobosh'; 'Fr Eric non-oca'; 'Fr Michael Matsko'; 'Fr Dn Peter'; 'Nikita J Eike'; 'Alexander Garklavs'
Subject: FW: E-mail from Met. Jonah to Bp. Basil (Essey) regarding Fr. Simeon (Kharon)
Importance: High

Your Graces,

Christ is Risen! I ask Your blessings.

Because of Metropolitan Jonah's attempts to send Fr. Simeon (Kharon) to the Antiochian Church (see the e-mails below), I and others on the SMPAC feel strongly that the Antiochian Church needs to receive official warning from the OCA regarding the sexual misconduct and other issues surrounding Fr. Simeon. I have already provided a warning to my bishop, His Grace, Bishop Basil (Essey), but something stronger and more official is in order. At the least, I believe that a copy of the official Report of the Special Investigative Committee (which I have attached) needs to be forwarded to Bishop Basil and/or Metropolitan Philip as soon as possible. However, I think it would be best coming directly from an OCA bishop (or even better, the Holy Synod). Please let me know your thoughts as soon as possible on this urgent matter.

In Christ,

Jim Spencer

From: Spencer, James C.
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 1:07 PM
To: 'Fr. Ted Bobosh'; 'Fr Eric non-oca'; 'Fr Michael Matsko'; 'Fr Dn Peter'; 'Nikita J Eike'; 'melchisedek999@yahoo.com'; 'Alexander Garklavs'
Subject: RE: E-mail from Met. Jonah to Bp. Basil (Essey) regarding Fr. Simeon (Kharon)

I have two very slight corrections to the facts in the e-mail below:

- 1) Fr. Constantine first contacted the Wichita Chancery on Holy Thursday, and then again on Good Friday.
- 2) Bishop Basil and Bishop Mark talked this morning, not this past weekend as I speculated in #4 below.

From: Spencer, James C.
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 12:24 PM
To: 'Fr. Ted Bobosh'; 'Fr Eric non-oca'; 'Fr Michael Matsko'; 'Fr Dn Peter'; 'Nikita J Eike'; 'melchisedek999@yahoo.com'; 'Alexander Garklavs'
Subject: FW: E-mail from Met. Jonah to Bp. Basil (Essey) regarding Fr. Simeon (Kharon)

Your Grace and SMPAC:

Christ is Risen!

I have disturbing news. Earlier today, His Grace, Bishop Mark, contacted me. He told me that His Beatitude had been in touch with my bishop, Bishop Basil (Essey), regarding Fr. Simeon (Kharon), and he suggested I contact Bishop Basil. I spoke with Bishop Basil late this morning. He told me the following:

- 1) On Good Friday, Fr. Constantine Nasr, the priest at St. Elijah Orthodox Church in Oklahoma City (an Antiochian parish), called the Chancery in Wichita, inquiring about Fr. Simeon. Apparently, Fr. Simeon was in Oklahoma City and had met Fr. Constantine at a Greek church there. Fr. Simeon subsequently contacted Fr. Constantine and asked if he could serve at St. Elijah. Fr. Constantine, not knowing anything about Fr. Simeon and not having any of his papers, contacted Bishop Basil to ask for guidance. Fr. Constantine told Bishop Basil's assistant that Fr. Simeon had said something about being under Metropolitan Jonah. (Fr. Constantine and Bishop Basil never talked; all communication was through Bishop Basil's assistant.)
- 2) Because Fr. Simeon did not have any papers and because neither Bp. Basil nor Fr. Constantine even knew if Fr. Simeon was an Orthodox priest, Bishop Basil (through his assistant) told Fr. Constantine that Metropolitan Philip should handle this matter.
- 3) On the evening of Great and Holy Saturday, Bishop Basil received an e-mail from Metropolitan Jonah, along with copies of Fr. Simeon's papers (in Greek and English). The e-mail is below. The papers are attached. Bishop Basil did not know why Metropolitan Jonah contacted him directly, since the matter was supposed to have been handled by Metropolitan Philip.
- 4) At some point (probably before receiving the e-mail from Met. Jonah), Bishop Basil was talking with Bishop Mark and inquired why, if Fr. Simeon was under Met. Jonah, he had not been scheduled to serve in an OCA parish during Holy Week, because there are

several OCA parishes in Oklahoma in need of priests. That is how Bishop Mark became aware of the e-mail from Metropolitan Jonah to Bishop Basil.

5) Bishop Basil does not know whether Fr. Simeon served in OKC, but he doesn't think he did. Bishop Basil stressed to me that Fr. Constantine was "innocent" in all of this.

Bishop Basil has given me permission to share the e-mail from Metropolitan Jonah with you and others, and to provide the background behind Metropolitan Jonah's e-mail.

This is, quite obviously, very concerning, particularly Metropolitan Jonah's statement that Fr. Simeon "has been greatly slandered," the implication that Metropolitan Jonah would have received Fr. Simeon into the OCA but for the slander, and Met. Jonah's continued attempts to find a good position for Fr. Simeon. This new information needs to be provided to the Holy Synod. I'd be interested in your thoughts on when and how to notify the Holy Synod.

In Christ,

Jim

From: BPBasil@aol.com [<mailto:BPBasil@aol.com?>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 11:52 AM

To: Spencer, James C.

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Sent: 4/23/2011 7:25:59 P.M. Central Daylight Time

Subj: Fwd: documents (1 of 2)

Dear Saidna Basil,

Wishing you a joyous Pascha! I look forward to greeting you at the Episcopal Assembly if not before.

Attached are the documents for Hieromonk Symeon Kharon.

He applied to the OCA, but we have declined to accept him. Fr Constantine Nassar in Oklahoma City was inquiring about him, so I thought to send you the documents. Fr Constantine called and expressed willingness to lend him a hand to get him through a difficult period in his life.

Some unfortunate things happened with him and the DC Cathedral community and OCA, which make it impossible for me to accept him canonically. He has been greatly slandered.

You are in my thoughts and prayers. For me this has been a very difficult Lent, as you may have heard. Please keep me in your prayers.

Kalo Pascha!

With love in Christ,

+Jonah

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From: Abbess Aemiliane <AbbessAemiliane@post.harvard.edu>

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