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Unaudited OCA contributions top \$3 million; Metropolitan Council set to meet next week *Longtime OCA Secretary resigns on short notice*

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April 12, 2000 (OCNS) - Recently obtained tax returns of the Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) Foundation and the Andreas Foundation show that the two foundations have contributed over \$3 million to the unaudited Metropolitans' discretionary account of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). The total is now more than \$1 million more than had been previously reported.

Knowledgeable sources within the OCA have linked those contributions to the unaudited account. That account "is not on the Church accounting records," according to a letter written by the OCA's outside auditor, Robert A. Taylor.

The returns show that the ADM Foundation contributed \$1,550,000: \$50,000 in 1993, \$250,000 in 1994, \$250,000 in 1995, \$500,000 in 1996, \$250,000 in 1997, and \$250,000 in 1998. The Andreas Foundation contributed \$1,525,000: \$25,000 in 1992, \$500,000 in 1996, \$500,000 in 1997, and \$500,000 in 1998. The returns are filed on a fiscal year basis.

Previously obtained returns put the total contributions of the two foundations to the OCA at over \$2 million. Recently obtained returns of the ADM Foundation for 1993 and 1994 and the ADM and Andreas Foundations for 1998 have boosted the total to over \$3 million. The 1998 returns of the two foundations were recently posted on the Internet by the National Center for Charitable Statistics.

The OCA's Metropolitan Council is scheduled to meet next Tuesday, April 18, 2000. The Metropolitan Council last met on November 18, 1999. After that meeting, it issued a statement saying that it was satisfied with the Central Church Administration's plan to use a separate auditor to conduct a summary review of the unaudited account.

So far, the OCA has not publicly released any such summary review. Three months ago, the OCA Chancellor, Fr. Robert Kondratick, refused to comment on the progress, if any, of the summary review. Neither Kondratick nor anyone else at OCA headquarters was available for comment on the matter today.

Orthodox News has received unconfirmed reports that some sort of summary review has been performed for the years 1997 and 1998. Those reports cannot be confirmed due to the unavailability of OCA officials for comment. However, there has been no indication that there are any plans to review the unaudited account for 1993 through

1996, during which over \$1.5 million was contributed.

Meanwhile, Orthodox News has confirmed that the longtime Secretary of the OCA, Paul B. Hunchak, resigned on short notice last week. Hunchak did not return Orthodox News' call seeking comment on his resignation.

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