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Letter from John Kozey, III to Metropolitan Council Members dated September 28, 1999

September 28, 1999

To: All Metropolitan Council Members
Cc: His Eminence Archbishop HERMAN
Mr. Peter Junda, Audit Committee
Mr. Frank Tkacz, Audit Committee
Mr. Rob Taylor, outside CPA

Dear Metropolitan Council Member:

I am a member of the Audit Committee of the Orthodox Church in America. Since my election in 1989, I am serving the second of two six-year terms on that Committee, having received the most votes of anyone running for that position each time.

The information enclosed with this letter should be helpful to you in better understanding the reason for contacting you regarding the opportunity to speak to the entire Metropolitan Council on the matter of our recent audit of the Orthodox Church in America for the year ended December 31, 1998. For your information, the last *certified* audit by our outside CPA firm took place for the 1996 fiscal year.

Since our open audit of the 1998 fiscal year of the OCA on June 22, 1999, we in the Audit Committee, as well as our outside CPA audit firm, Lambrides, Lamos, Moulthrop & Co., have requested information regarding at least one OCA account. This information, which has been withheld from us for the 1998 fiscal year, and possibly several previous years, needs to be incorporated into the books of the OCA, as part of our obligation as a non-profit corporation. There are other normal operating procedures that have been recommended that we would like to discuss with you.

There has been information circulating which might be highly misleading, which has caused some concern in the Church. As per Article III, Section 15 of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, "Members of the auditing committee attend sessions of the Metropolitan Council only to make their reports." It would be useful to all of us to have the Metropolitan Council able to interview the audit committee involved with the 1998 audit. You would better understand the issues we are trying to address, and more fully appreciate the

content of the September 21, 1999 letter enclosed as a part of this package. Any delay of this in-person reporting could be damaging to the process of continuing the mission of the OCA, of which I am certain, we, all support. Actions of a lesser nature might foster further delays, rumors and lack of proper resolution.

Please find the following enclosures sent along with this letter which ought help you in this matter.

You may feel free to contact me at my home address:
118 Ira Road
Syosset, NY 11791

I may also be reached by phone at [*deleted by editor*].

Respectfully,

(signed)

John Kozey, III
Audit Committee
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