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New Hieromartyr John Kochurov

Dear Past and Future Benefactors,

I greet you with today's feast of the New Hieromartyr John Kochurov! Today marks the 99th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. John in Tsarskoye Selo at the hands of the Bolsheviks. While he is honored as **the first martyr of priestly rank** of the Bolshevik terror, he is equally renown as a **spiritual instructor of youth, a missionary priest to America, and a zealous archpastor who ascetically labored** in prayer and physical toil for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

We could have no better intercessor and guide as we set out, through our diocesan **St. John Kochurov Society**, to carry on St. John's enduring legacy. The Society is not merely a financial aid fund for diocesan needs, although it **does** and **must** fulfill this role. It also exists to establish within our diocese a **fraternal network of stewards** who are willing to respond to the call of the Gospel and **share their time, talents, and treasures** for the good of all. **It is my fervent prayer that we will witness within our diocese an overwhelming response to this call!**

This past year has seen Society members financially contribute to our diocese in important ways:

- **\$2,000 grant** to the 2015 St. Herman Youth Conference held in Dallas, TX to defray attendance costs, thereby increasing the number of our youth who were able to attend and benefit. Our young people **learned** from guest speakers about the great mystery and blessing of Marriage; **worked** to restore and improve the grounds of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Monastery (OCA); **sang** in the beautiful St. Seraphim Cathedral (OCA); **worshiped** at our St. Nicholas parish in McKinney, TX; and **fellowshipped** throughout the event with their Orthodox peers. For many, this is a rare opportunity to live a fully Orthodox life within a safe and supportive environment. **Your contributions made a lasting difference in their lives.**

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- **\$3,000 grant** to the Ss. Sergius and Herman of Valaam Parish and Monastic Brotherhood (Houghton, MI) for the expansion of the amvon in their historic temple. In this beautiful church I recently participated in the rite of the Great Consecration on their patronal feast day on September 23/24, 2015. The monastic community faces critical and ongoing needs related to the costs of food, clothing, and housing for the growing brotherhood.
- **\$4,000 grant** to the 2016 St. Herman Youth Conference – **twice the amount of the prior grant thanks to your continued generosity and support of the Society!** **More** of our youth will now be able to attend without an undue financial burden placed on them and their families. It is my hope that in future the Society will provide full scholarships for all.



Ss. Sergius and Herman of Valaam Parish and Monastic Brotherhood

Calling 100 Members for 100 Years!

In honor of the upcoming centennial of St. John Kochurov's martyrdom to be celebrated November 13, 2017, **the Society has launched a special initiative to increase our membership to 100 by next year.**

Each society member added expands our network of committed stewards who work together for the good of all. **Each dollar donated** increases our diocesan storehouse of financial aid. **Every resource provided** is generously invested into the lives of God's servants who need it most.

With a donation of \$120.00 per year, either as a single gift or deducted automatically at \$10 per month, members will receive a certificate of thanks from the St. John Kochurov Society and will be asked to provide the names of loved ones to be commemorated at Divine Liturgies at the Diocesan Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral in Des Plaines, IL. Society members will also receive special announcements, newsletters, and invitations to Society events and banquets. **All donations are tax deductible.**

Join our Society or renew your membership today to aid our Youth, Mission Parishes, and Monasteries as they pursue a life in Christ that strengthens and emboldens us all in our service to Him and to His Holy Church.

Follow this link to easily donate now (on mobile device or computer) and view my special video appeal on behalf of this worthy cause: www.goo.gl/sAuuPa

The future of our Church depends upon those who face the greatest challenges, and I urge you to take your stand with them today!

With Thanks for your Generosity and Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

+ *Archbishop Peter*

Peter, Archbishop of Chicago & Mid-America

THE SOCIETY AT A GLANCE

Founding: At the 2009 Assembly of the Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, delegates proposed the founding of a fellowship of stewards in order to strengthen our common life and ministry as a diocese. The initiative was blessed by Vladyka Peter and given the heavenly patronage of St. John Kochurov.

Our Patron: St. John Kochurov was a missionary priest in the American Mid-West and served the Russian Church in Chicago for several years before returning to his homeland and becoming the first priest-martyr under the Bolsheviks.

Goal: To provide financial assistance for qualified non-budgeted Diocesan needs, whether of a recurring or one-time nature.

Priorities: Society members are committed to building up and supporting our Diocesan...

- Youth,
- Missions, and
- Monasteries.

Additionally, the society can offer financial aid on a case-by-case basis for non-budgeted needs that arise within our diocese, including clergy family medical expenses, clergy unemployment crises, and other emergency or essential needs.

For more details, visit the **St. John Kochurov Society Website:** www.sjksdcma.org

... and follow the **latest news and events** on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnkochurov

APPLYING FOR AID

Requests for assistance within the three categories of focus - youth events/education, mission parishes, and monastic communities - **as well as for one-time emergency needs should be brought to the attention of the executive committee members for consideration.** Additional details may be requested by the committee to better assess or corroborate the need; however, **the process is designed to be fast and efficient and can be handled by emails or conference calls in a matter of a few days.** Once a request for assistance has been approved by the committee, it will be presented to Archbishop Peter for his approval and blessing.

Committee Contact Information:

- Deacon David Companik - 832-791-3344 - davidcompanik@gmail.com
- Subdeacon Andrei Urtiew, Diocesan Treasurer - 925-698-4703 - urt88@yahoo.com

HELP US GROW!

2017 Marks the 100th Anniversary of St. John's Martyrdom

Our Goal: 100 Active Members by 2017

As a member of the St. John Kochurov Society I know someone who would like to join us in support of the Youth, Missions, and Monasteries of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America!

Please include my like-minded friend in future mailings and other communications about the St. John Society:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Annual Appeal Donation Form

I, _____, have enclosed a
(PRINT FULL NAME)
check* or money order* as my annual membership to the St. John Kochurov
Society of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid America in the amount of:

\$120 \$240 \$360 \$1000 \$ other: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

**Please make checks payable to "Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America" and include "SJKS" in the memo section of the check. Checks may be sent to the address at the top of this form.*

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Recurring Payment Authorization Form

Here's How Recurring Payments Work:

You authorize regularly scheduled charges to your checking or savings account. Your monthly donation, as noted below, will be deleted each billing period from the account you specify. A receipt for each payment will be emailed to you and the charge will appear on your bank statement as an "ACH Debit." You agree that no prior-notification will be provided unless the date or amount changes, in which case you will receive notice from us at least 10 days prior to the payment being collected.

Please complete the information below:

I, _____, authorize the St. John Kochurov Society
(PRINT FULL NAME)

to charge my bank account the following amount on the twelfth (12th) day of each month:

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$ other: _____

Billing Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Account Type: Checking Savings

Name on Account: _____

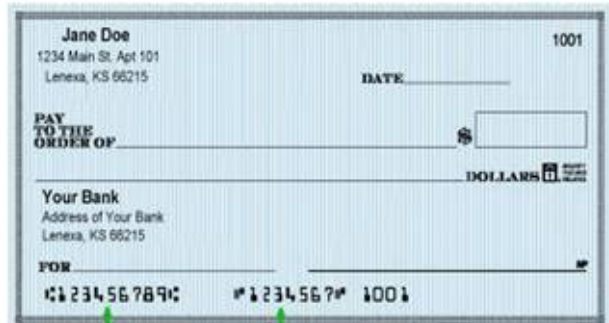
Bank Name: _____

Bank Routing #: _____

Account #: _____

Bank City, State: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing, and I agree to notify the St. John Kochurov Society in writing of any changes in my account information or termination of this authorization at least 15 days prior to the next billing date. If the above noted periodic payment dates fall on a weekend or holiday, I understand that the payment may be executed on the next business day. I understand that because this is an electronic transaction, these funds may be withdrawn from my account as soon as the above noted periodic transaction dates. In the case of an ACH Transaction being rejected for Non Sufficient Funds (NSF) I understand that the St. John Kochurov Society may at its discretion attempt to process the charge again within 30 days. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. I agree not to dispute this recurring billing with my bank so long as the transactions correspond to the terms indicated in this authorization form.



For the repose of the servants of God:
О упокоєніи рабовъ Божіих:

Non-Orthodox/Неправославные:

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For the health and salvation of the servants of God:
О здоровіи и спасєніи рабовъ Божіих:

Non-Orthodox/Неправославные:

St. John Kochurov Society, DCMA, 2016