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Subject: 1- "REV. FR. VASILE SUSAN'S 5th FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE OCA'S CHURCH

COURT PROCEEDINGS WITHOUT DELAY, AS PER OCA STATUTE ART. XI."

2- "ALLEGIANCE OF THE OCA METROPOLITAN (AS ACCUSER) TO THE OCA STATUTE ART. XI. AS RULE OF LAW & OBSERVANCE OF REV. FR VASILE SUSAN'S RIGHTS (AS ACCUSED), BY THE OCA MET. H. B. TIKHON MOLLARD."

#### Motto:

Similarly, the accuser in Church Courts may be someone appointed to present the case on behalf of the bishop or alleged victim. The State and the Church have the obligation to protect victims and potential victims from crimes or abuse. But, the basic principle remains that, the accused must be treated fairly and have the full right to know the charges and evidence and to defend themselves vigorously.

V. Rev. Fr. John Jillions, "Confronting Your Accuser" June 20, 2013.

Master Bless!

Your Beatitude,

I am greeting you today with the words of the OCA Chancellor, V. Rev. Fr. J. Jillions as stated above.

Also, I would like to remind you, that you are well aware of the following materials, documents:

- 1 Letter dated May 14, 2013, from you to me;
- 2 Letter dated June 7, 2013, from my legal counsel to you;
- 3 Letter dated June 13, 2013, from your legal counsel to my legal counsel;
- 4 Reflection dated June 20, 2013, of the OCA Chancellor J. Jillions entitled "Confronting your accuser".
- 5 E-mail, letter dated June 21, 2013, from your legal counsel to my legal counsel;
- 6 Letter dated July 12, 2013, from my legal counsel to your legal counsel;
- 7 Email, letter dated July 21, 2013, from my legal counsel to your legal counsel;
- 8 Letters dated Dec. 18, 2013, Jan. 01, 2014, Jan 15, 2014, from me to you;

All materials listed above from 1-7 will be made public in consent to my legal counsel directives only.

### Dear Vladyka,

In the light of the abovementioned materials, documents, <u>I, hereby am formally requesting for OCA</u> <u>Church Court proceedings without delay for the 5th time</u>, as per OCA <u>Statute</u>, <u>ART. XI.</u> On June 7, 2013, I asked for Church Court proceedings for the <u>1st time</u>. You are still ignoring my request. <u>I have the OCA</u> <u>Statute's right to face my accuser (s) be treated fairly and have the full right to know the charges and evidences and to defend them vigorously.</u> I am requesting you to observe & follow the rule of law.

Against the Orthodox Church Canons, OCA Statute and OCA internal rules, you falsely accused me and as a delinquent / violator you made yourself subject of the Church Court proceedings since May 14, 2013, by your abusive power of authority and conduct, acting contrary to the OCA Statute and OCA internal rules.

I vehemently denied all your accusations as presented in your letter dated May 15, 2013. <u>I am asking you to put me in OCA Church Court (Episcopal trial)</u> as per the provisions of the Orthodox Church Canons, OCA <u>Statute & OCA internal rules ASAP</u>. You actions are punitive, retributive, unlawful, and without canonical grounds. Your delays & schemes are unacceptable, outrageous, reckless, immoral and reprehensible. Your letter dated May 14, 2013 & your 'inactions' put you as OCA Metropolitan in the spotlight. <u>Free me from</u> 'the OCA Gulag as a prisoner of conscience' after 10 years of inhumane incarceration, for God's sake!

Dear Vladyka,

Even though you have started this dispute, as proven by your letter dated May 14, 2013 (See # 1), you are in need for help to be able to comprehend 'the anomalies you created' by the way you started and 'yet' not finished this so called "OCA business as usual." Plainly speaking, you're not acting in good faith since being elected OCA Bishop (10 years ago), or as the OCA Synod Secretary, according to the OCA documents / records from oca.org, ocanews.org, pokrov.org, monomakhos.com. You are hiding much more than any OCA bishops and this is reprehensible. Read # 4; learn 'a lesson' & do the right thing.

You brought me to the time of confessing responsibly, openly, transparently and under God's care, that I personally deplore your conduct as OCA Primate vis a vis your inactions and violations of *the OCA Statute* / *OCA internal rules, Orthodox Church Canons*. Truly, I realized after months of waiting to get from you a positive response to the letter dated June 7, 2013 (*see # 2*), that "*You are a victim of manipulation and a scapegoat*" of 'an OCA hierarch.' Just a reminder: Do you realize that the OCA Synod less honestly manipulated me multiple times, and that whatever the OCA Bishops did to me '10 years' was wrong?"

In order for me to hammer the nail the right way, I am enthusiastically bringing to your attention the documents / materials as listed above (See # 1 - 8), to give you the opportunity to reflect upon your inactions, conduct and shortcomings in the light of the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules and Orthodox Church Canons. I feel very sorry for your shortcomings. You voluntarily accepted the brainwashing from 'an OCA hierarch' by writing the letter dated May 14, 2013. Please, get rid of the "the ostrich tactics / schemes" of hiding truths & lies in Syosset office. Follow the advice of my legal counsel (see # 2 & 6).

According to 'one' of your accusation, I feel obligated (as one who did theological studies 9 years in Romania the hard way, and who purposely studied the Orthodox Church Canons, the OCA Statute, the ROEA Constitution and By – Laws, the OCA internal rules / guidelines, as well as some federal and local state laws since I came to the USA), to make the following observations, asking you to review your conduct (as much as you can do it, based on your past shortcomings / failures), as follows:

- 1 You are 'totally at an unacceptable poor level' in regards to your knowledge / implementation of the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules provisions / and court records, (based on your letter dated May 14, 2013.), and especially of: ART I; ART II; ART IV; ART V, Sect 4 (I); ART VI, Sect 4 (a, e, f,); Sect 9 (a); ART X, Sect. 5 (a); ART XI; and ART XII, as well as of the Orthodox Church Canons provisions. You made vows in these regards. It is neither the time, nor the place to show much more about the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules or Canonical provisions violations, you have done up to this time as an OCA Bishop.
- 2 You deliberately, abusively, wrongly, intentionally, unlawfully, offensively, knowingly, ill advised, have been overlooking / violating / breaching "the 3rd Confession of Faith you pronounced on February 13, 2004 during the ritual for the Calling of the Office of Confession and Answering of a Bishop," as per the OCA's order of electing and consecrating a bishop. (See: GREAT BOOK OF NEEDS, VOLUME I, Holy Mysteries, edited by St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, South Canaan, PA, 2000, page 273, 274, 275). You did this just because you think as the OCA Metropolitan you can do everything you like, up to the point of placing you above the law. Why you're wrong, abusive and your conduct is beyond human decency? Your deliberately abuse of power will make 'fall into the trap' of one of the OCA Bishops in due time.

  This is what you pronounced & signed on February 13, 2004, then violated as per you conduct, as Bishop:
- A In this my confession of the Holy Faith, <u>I promise to keep and preserve the Canons of the Holy Apostles</u>, of the Seven Ecumenical Councils and the pious Provincial Councils, as well as the Canons of the <u>Holy Fathers</u>. And all things they have accepted, I also accept; and whatever they have rejected, I also reject;
- **B** <u>I promise also to keep unchanged the traditions of the Church and the holy regulations and orders of the Catholic Eastern Orthodox Church;</u>

- C I promise also to preserve the peace of the Church, and firmly to hold, and not to devise anything whatsoever which is contrary to the Orthodox Catholic Eastern Christian Faith all the days of my life; and that I will in all things follow and always obey the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America; and to be in all things of one mind with the Most Blessed Metropolitan, and the Most reverend Archbishops and Bishops, my brethren, and together with them submissive to the divine laws, and to the sacred Canons of the Holy Apostles and Holy Fathers; and with all fervor to have spiritual love for them, and to respect them as brethren; ...
- **D** And hereby <u>promise also to do nothing through constraint</u>, <u>whether coerced by powerful persons</u>, <u>or by a multitude of people even though they should command me, under pain of death, to transgress the divine and Sacred Canons</u>; ...
- E And all those things which I have vowed today, I will promise to fulfill until my final breath, for the sake of the future good things. And may God who knows the heart be the witness of my vow.
- $\mathbf{F}$  And may our Savior Jesus Christ Himself, be my helper in my true and zealous governance and performance thereof; to Whom, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be glory and dominion, honor and worship, now and ever, and unto the ages. Amen.

#### Dear Vladyka,

You pronounced the above statements in front of God & made vows for according to the content / text printed above. Is that true? You ignore your vows & betray God and the Orthodox Church. Why so?

- 3 By violating, breaching & not upholding the 3rd Confession of Faith you're less honest & faithless. You should not betray Christ the Lord and His Church. You along with those OCA Bishops who ignored & grossly violated the "due canonical procedure and due process of law" as prescribed by the OCA Statute / OCA internal rules and the Orthodox Church Canons provisions, made some OCA / ROEA hierarchs & clergy subjects of lawsuits, as per the Internet postings such as: oca.org, ocanews.org, pokrov.org, monomakhos.com, etc, not me. Your accusations against me will not stand, because you lost canonical authority. Are you feasible for the position of the OCA Metropolitan? If not, then you should resign.
- **4** You along with some OCA Bishops *are against* the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules, and the Orthodox Church Canons provisions, not me. My letters dated Dec. 18, 2013; Jan 1, 2014; Jan 15, 2014; Feb. 1, 2014, are hard proof evidences regarding *'my loyalty'* to the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules, & the Orthodox Church Canons provisions. I'm "in favor of rule of law and due process of law." You are not.
- 5 You are a violator / betrayer / abuser of the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules and the Church Canons, for more than 240 days. In front of God & in front of law we are equal. You are not above the law. To all readers of this letter, your morale, integrity & character count much more than your position as OCA Metropolitan (see # 1). I'm a victim of your abuse. Why I was expelled & run off from the ROEA & miserably treated for 10 years by the OCA Synod as notorious criminal (?) without due process of law? According to the records / physical evidences within the OCA offices at this time (see # 1 & 8) the 3rd, attempt at an adjustment of this controversy by the bishop has miscarried by you as an OCA Bishop. Put me and you in the OCA Church Court & follow "the rule of law." Be honest. Read also Acts 25, 1 27.

The right to confront your accuser is enshrined as well in the 6th Amendment of the US Constitution.

Why do you violate my Constitutional right, and for 10 years I was treated as the most notorious OCA's criminal, without having the right to 'due canonical procedure and due process of law?' Where in the world someone else did something in the same manner to what the OCA Synod of bishops did to me? I'm an American citizen! You 'must' practice what you preach! I have the right to get what I'm asking for!

6 – Be mindful & don't be in conflict with the directives of the OCA Chancellor's reflection (see # 4) as part of your fiduciary duties. You've no right to violate my rights of "due canonical procedure & due process of law" per OCA Statute, OCA internal rules & Church Canons. Please, treat me fairly. Give me unimpeded access and full right to know the evidences and to defend all false charges vigorously. It is my right. Don't kill my right. Follow the "rule of law" as accuser, per the "Reflection" of the OCA Chancellor J. Jillions (OCA's boss) entitled "Confronting your accuser" dated June 20, 2013. Be on the same page with the OCA Chancellor. The whole world will read these postings, and will know who & what you are.

#### Dear Vladyka,

- i You've started this dangerous game, and you can't end it, as per the 'rule of law.' Be aware of God!
- ii You failed to exercise your moral and canonical fiduciary responsibilities according to the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules & Orthodox Church Canons, and to uphold the Office of the Bishop as per content of the 3rd of Confession of Faith mentioned above, according to the OCA's order of electing and consecrating a bishop. You've made vows in these regards. You're a violator, betrayer and abuser of the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules & Orthodox Church Canons, not me. You should resign ASAP.
- **iii** With all due respect for you, I would like to refresh 'our' biblical / scriptural knowledge, to let you know where 'we' are standing / pictured at the present time and to bring to your attention the words of our Lord Jesus Christ (I hope Christ the Lord's words will not offend you) in the following biblical quotations:
- 1 "Do not judge others, so that God will not judge you, 2 For God will judge you in the same way you judge others, and He will apply to you the same rules you apply to others. 3 Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? 4 How dare you say to your brother, 'Please, let me take that speck out of your eye,' when you have a log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. 6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs—they will only turn and attack you. Do not throw your pearls in front of pigs they will only trample them underfoot. Luke 7: 1 6. Is it true?
- 39 But now I tell you: do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you. <u>If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap your left cheek too.</u> <u>Matthew 5: 39.</u> The OCA Synod did slap me for 10 years. Is it true?
- 44 But now I tell you: love your enemies and <u>pray for those who persecute you</u>, 45 So that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil. <u>Matthew 5: 44 45.</u> End my persecution!
- 23 So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, 24 Leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back and offer your gift to God. *Matthew 5: 23 24.* How do you do Holy Liturgy?
- 45 The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help Me.' Matthew 25:45. Am I not your little brother ignored by the OCA Synod for 10 years?

If we say that we are in the light, yet hate others, we are in the darkness to this very hour. If we love others, we live in the light, and so there is nothing in us that will cause someone else to sin. But if we hate others, we are in the darkness; we walk in it and do not know where we are going, because the darkness has made us blind. 1 John 2: 9 – 11. Lord Jesus Christ is telling the OCA Metropolitan: How and who are you?

"Blessed are the pure in heart; they will see God! <u>Matthew 5:8.</u> Is your heart pure? How you'll be seen by God on the 'Day of Retribution'? You mocked my priesthood, ministry, good name & family, for 10 years, and covered up the OCA homosexual clergymen for many decades, as OCA's CEO irresponsibly. True!!!

4 For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself, <u>'Even though I don't fear God or respect people</u>, 5 Yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights. If I don't, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!' 6 And the Lord continued, "Listen to what that corrupt judge said. 7 Now, will God not judge in favor of his own people who cry to him day and night for help? Will He be slow to help them? 8 I tell you, He will judge in their favor and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?" *Luke 18: 4 – 8.* See OCA bishops' landscape.

7 As they stood there asking him questions, <u>He straightened up and said to them</u>, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." 8 Then He bent over again and wrote on the ground. 9 When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there. 10 <u>He straightened up and said to her</u>, "Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?" 11 "No one, sir," she answered. "Well, then," Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again." *John 8: 7 – 11.* See OCA bishops' landscape, malfeasances once again.

"If I have said anything wrong, tell everyone here what it was. But if I am right in what I have said, why do you hit me?" <u>John 18: 23.</u> Do you have any reason to avoid 'the rule of law'? "Therefore, by their fruits you will know them." *Matthew 7:20.* See OCA bishops' landscape.

Dear Vladyka,

Please keep in mind that the OCA Synod, kept me 10 years in the OCA's Gulag "to dry out", by refusing 'due process of law' as you know contrary to #4. Is 10 years not enough? If you cannot show fidelity to the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules & the Orthodox Church Canons provisions as rule of law, you cannot exercise your authority, as per your vows made February 13, 2004. You bring so many bishops, clergymen & faithful people up to the point to lose their confidence in your episcopacy. Why? It's unacceptable.

I wish to be out of the OCA Gulag ASAP, after facing you in the OCA Church Court trial, only. Enough is enough. Please, clear my name, restore my reputation and ministry following "the rule of law" only (See # 2, 6, 4, 7,). The OCA Chancellor (see # 4) is right. Your Beatitude is wrong, oppressive, ill-advised, irresponsible & false. Our Orthodoxy including the OCA is neither for sale, nor for mockery. I feel "an indescribable discomfort" while seeing you betraying the 3<sup>rd</sup> Confession of Faith & the 'rule of laws.'

Please honestly, wisely, morally, humanly and responsibly 'show allegiance' to the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules & the Orthodox Church Canons provisions as rule of law and 'observe' Rev. Fr. Vasile Susan's rights (as accused). You, the OCA Metropolitan H. B. T. Mollard (as accuser) must follow the OCA Statute, OCA internal rules & the Orthodox Church Canons provisions. *Don't dry me out anymore!* 

Finally, read the MLK words from Birmingham Jail, 1963: "We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." You're my oppressor. I'm the oppressed. I demand my freedom from you NOW, before your "Day of Retribution."

Your actions have caused incomprehensible, immeasurable, inexpressible, inconceivable, and visible damages: to me, my priesthood, my family members and relatives. I am asking you to direct your response to this letter as part of your future communication to my legal counsel, whose address is in your office, no later than February 15, 2014. *I would like to come to the conclusion of my 10 years of OCA Gulag ASAP*.

Please consider this letter as "5th olive branch" you got from me. In the light of "1 Corinthians 6: 2 & 5" ... should Your Beatitude wish to discuss "how to settle this dispute" ... please, contact my legal counsel.

Yours in Christ the Lord, Rev Fr Vasile Susan

c.c. my legal counsel, OCA Bishops, & (OCA MC members & Internet posting after February 1, 2014).

## June 20, 2013

Acts 25:13-19

John 16:23-33

# Confronting Your Accuser

'It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction before the accused meets the accusers face to face, and has opportunity to answer for himself concerning the charge against him.' (Acts 25:16)



Antonius Felix, Procurator of Judea 52-60 AD

Felix, the procurator of Judea 52-60 AD, like his earlier predecessor Pontius Pilate, was known for his cruelty and licentiousness. Even so, in prosecuting Paul he was unwilling to break fundamental principles of Roman law (though he may have also been waiting for a bribe: see Acts 24:26).

#### The right to confront your accuser is enshrined as well in the Sixth Amendment of the US Constitution.

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed... and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; **to be confronted with the witnesses against him**; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

This constitutional right was especially important in an age that was easy prey to Inquisition-style procedures that left the accused in the dark with anonymous denunciations and closed-door trials.

The same principle holds true in <u>Canon law concerning Church Courts</u>. True, there are many key differences between church courts and criminal courts. And for both there is a long history of interpretation and practice that complicates the apparent simplicity of this rule. For example, the accuser in criminal trials is the State, not the alleged victim. <u>Similarly</u>, the accuser in Church Courts may be someone appointed to present the case on behalf of the bishop or alleged victim. <u>The State and the Church have the obligation to protect victims and potential victims from crimes or abuse</u>. But, the basic principle remains that: the accused must be treated fairly and have the full right to know the charges and evidence and to defend them vigorously.