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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! As you are likely aware, St. John served the Russian Orthodox Church in Chicago for several years before the outbreak of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. Having returned home to Russia, St. John was the first martyr in the priestly rank of the Bolshevik terror. Given St. John's close ties to our diocese we decided at our 2009 Diocesan Assembly to name our diocesan society for assistance in his name.

The St. John Kochurov Society has three main charitable undertakings:

- ◆ Youth
- ◆ Missions
- ◆ Monasteries

Funds from the St. John Kochurov Society have helped support all three of these crucial endeavors in our diocese this past year. From the young person attending the St. Herman's Youth Retreat, to the clergy struggling to establish missions in areas unserved by the Orthodox Faith, to our nascent monastic institutions: all have received support from the St. John Kochurov Society. But we could do more. And we frankly need to do more.

Our diocese has been offered land for a convent and there is a great demand for such a monastic institution in our diocese – but we need your help to make this dream a reality. There is a broad desire to provide more opportunities for our youth to gather throughout our huge diocese – but we need your help to make this happen. There are many areas in our diocese that need and deeply desire to found a mission community for the mutual salvation of the believers there and those that will be attracted to our saving Faith by the witness of such communities – but we need your help to support these communities and the clergymen that struggle in such missionary endeavors.

Your membership in the St. John Kochurov Society can make a difference! Even a small gift helps – for if there are many small gifts these add up quickly and make it possible for our diocese to preserve our young people in their faith, establish missions that will bring new converts to the faith, and strengthen and found monastic institutions that pray for our diocese and the world, and will be an outward sign to all of the spiritual strength and health of our diocese.

This year many new activities are planned for the St. John Kochurov Society, including the founding of regional chapters of the society in each of our deaneries that will gather new members and further

increase the veneration of St. John. For although we are in need of temporal assistance, we are even more so in need of St. John's heavenly assistance if we are to be truly successful in our aims.

We ask you today to make a commitment to help us realize the potential of our diocese to do all the good that it can if adequate resources are available. Please take time now to send us a check in the enclosed envelope. Soon we will send you an automatic deduction form – you may prefer this method to make your deduction. We ask that each member of the St. John Kochurov society make a donation of \$10 per month as a minimum, although of course we welcome all donations – those smaller and larger than that. All those who donate \$120 or more (or fill out an automatic deduction form at that level) will receive a certificate of thanks from the St. John Kurchurov Society and will be asked to provide the names of loved ones to be commemorated at Divine Liturgies at the Diocesan Cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God in Des Plaines, IL.

This year we have established lifetime levels of giving and recognition – these are listed below. Rest assured that your donations will be recorded carefully so that when you have reached these levels the appropriate recognition will be forthcoming. Those who wish to remain anonymous are of course welcome to do so. All medals of St. John Kochurov will be awarded by the Ruling Hierarch of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America in person.

- ◆ Lifetime Gifts of \$5,000: Medal of St. John Kochurov 3rd Class
- ◆ Lifetime Gifts of \$10,000: Medal of St. John Kochurov 2nd Class
- ◆ Lifetime Gifts of \$25,000: Medal of St. John Kochurov 1st Class

This coming year will be an active one for the St. John Kochurov Society, with a new web site, Face Book page, regular mailings to share the successes we are able to achieve with your help, and the establishment of our new regional deanery St. John societies. We invite you to join us during this exciting time and help us to accomplish great things for the Youth, the Missions, and the Monasteries of our diocese!

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

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Peter, Bishop of Cleveland
Administrator of the Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America

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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.*

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: _____



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

Non-Orthodox/Неправославные:

St. John Kochurov Society, DCMA, 2014



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

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