



**Епархія Чикагская и Средне-Американская
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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 no doubt 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 focused on our diocese:

- ◆ 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 college student attending the Young Adult Retreat, to the clergy working to found and nourish missions in areas unserved or under-served by the Orthodox Faith, to our growing and maturing monastic institutions: all have received support from the St. John Kochurov Society. But we could do more. And we can do more. And we frankly must do more.

Our monastic institutions are growing and soon some will need to purchase more land to house new monastic aspirants. Our youth are under-served – if we had the funds we would hire a full time Youth Coordinator to organize more events and opportunities for the youth to strengthen them in their faith. Much of our 16 state diocese is in great need of new missions and parishes – but we do not have adequate funds to plant the seeds of these needed future communities. We could do all these things – but we need your partnership in the St. John Kochurov Society to make these things possible!

Your membership in the St. John Kochurov Society can and will 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 past year we have founded deanery chapters of the St. John Kochurov Society. We hope you will reach out to your local Dean to become active in your chapter. We need your help! The names, phone numbers, emails, and geographical coverage areas of the diocesan deans are found on the next page.

Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America Deans and Geographical Coverage

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In addition we have created a new St. John Kochurov Society web site to serve you better. The web address of the new site is:

<http://www.sjkscma.org/>

We ask you today to make a commitment to help us realize the potential of our diocese to do all the good that it could do if adequate resources were available. Please take time now to send us a check in the enclosed envelope. Or even better – fill out the enclosed automatic deduction form and return it to us in the enclosed envelope. 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 all Divine Liturgies at one of our most liturgically active

diocesan parishes. Last year this parish served 120+ liturgies – approximately one every three days. We tell you this only so you will be certain – your loved ones WILL be prayed for regularly. In 2014 we 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 again be an active one for the St. John Kochurov Society, including becoming much more active on social media to tell the story of our society and its successes, struggles, and future plans. We will especially be stressing Bishop Peter's charge to the society to have 100 active members by the feast of St. John of Kochurov 2017 – the 100th anniversary since our patron's martyrdom. 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,

+ *Bishop Peter*

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

St. John Kochurov Society

Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America, ROCOR
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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: _____

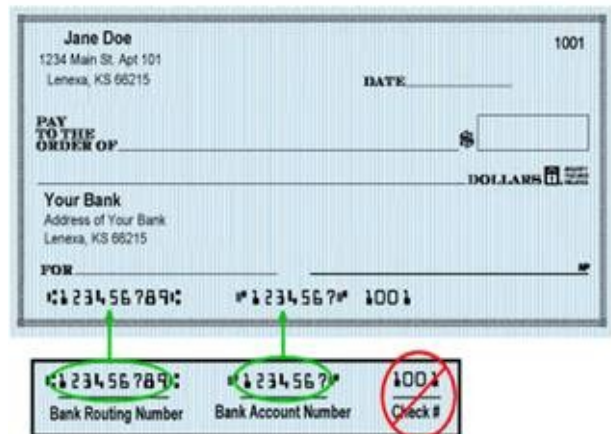
Bank Name: _____

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.

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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:

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

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