

# NEWS from Oleg M. Rodzianko

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## **A U.S. PARISHIONER PROTESTS MOSCOW-PATRIARCHATE TAKEOVER**

Valley Cottage, NY, April 16, 2012. – Mr. Oleg M. Rodzianko, a parishioner of THE PARISH OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX HOLY VIRGIN PROTECTION CHURCH, INC. in Nyack, NY since 1950s, filed a VERIFIED COMPLAINT against this Parish in the SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, New City, New York. The Complaint protests the ongoing efforts to place the Parish and its Parishioners under the jurisdiction of the “Moscow Patriarchate” (hereafter referred to as “MP”).

Commenting on the Complaint, here is how Mr. Rodzianko, summarized it: “By joining the MP, the Parish violates its Certificate of Incorporation and the behests of Metropolitans of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (“ROCOR”) Anthony, Anastasy, Philaret, and Vitaly and their irreconcilable opposition toward the Moscow Patriarchy (“MP”). Reflecting the views of these Metropolitans, the Parish’s Certificate of Incorporation states in part:

‘SECOND: The corporation, in conformity with the laws of the State of New York, and of the United States of America, shall be governed exclusively by the canons, rules and customs of the Russian Orthodox Greek-Catholic Church, as the same is now represented by the Russian Sobor and the Bishops’ Synod Abroad, and the corporation shall maintain no relations whatsoever with any ecclesiastical officers or organizations within the boundaries of or subject to the jurisdiction of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or any of its satellite states, so long as the said Union, or any of its satellite states, are ruled by Communistic authorities.’”

“Moreover,” continued Rodzianko, “by joining the MP, the Parish effectively places its members, U.S. citizens and/or residents, under the rule of a foreign government that is openly hostile to the U.S. It’s common knowledge that its president-elect V. Putin is a former KGB officer, while the current head of the MP, patriarch Cyril, served as a KGB secret agent. The entire leadership of today’s Russian Federation (“RF”) is filled with ‘former’ Communists and today’s Communist party chairman, Mr. Zyuganov, placed second in the last RF presidential elections.

Finally, the parishioners did not vote on whether or not they wish to join the MP, a violation of basic human rights.”