

Your Eminence,

We, the Orthodox Christian Bulgarians of South Florida would like to present to you our petition / attached/ to withdraw Todor Dimitrov from his position as a Parish priest.

Petition

Our opinion as members and supporters of the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church “St. Nicholas” is that Father T. Dimitrov is unable to unite and spiritually guide our Parish. Father Dimitrov’ conduct is supposed to be a leading example for all parishioners, and instead his actions disunite the Bulgarian community. He is the main reason for many members and supporters to lose faith in the progress of the blessed endeavor we have started.

Therefore the Bulgarians in South Florida appeal for Fr. Dimitrov’s withdrawal.

We are immensely concerned by his destructive behavior, especially noticeable during the last 12 months.

1/ We - long- term members, donors and supporters stopped attending church events because of the Father’s arrogant behavior.

2/ Fr Dimitrov single-handedly governs thus damaging the Church with blatant disregard of civil and church laws :

- Illegally signed contract with an unactive company for drawing structural/ architectural plans for the church building;
- We are submitting as evidence a check, paid from the Church to Fr. Dimitrov’s spouse for structural plans which are good for nothing;
- We are submitting as evidence checks, written by Fr. Dimitrov to cover membership fees for various members in order buy votes and to manipulate elections.

3/ Fr. Dimitrov’s actions forced the Sunday school to register as a separate legal entity. The Church lost over 100 supporters from the younger generation as a result.

Here we would like to remind His Eminence that Fr. Dimitrov was approved as a Parish Priest with only 18 votes during your visit in May 2014. All other members were against him being our Priest but did not attend or vote because of the open vote. We accepted your proposal to give him a year to prove himself. You assured us that you’ll personally withdraw him as a priest if things are not going well.

**We, 125 members, donors and supporters signed below, want you to fulfill your promise to us.**

The petition is still going, because the vast majority of people do not see Fr. Dimitrov as the Priest we want. We deserve a real Priest!

We will not stop or give up until that problem is solved.

We will seek help from any institution available.

We want our voice to be heard!

**Please do not let that petition fall into the hands of Fr. Dimitrov, as he is inclined to personally intimidate and frighten people. That's what happened after we sent you our previous petition.**

We are expecting your wise answer.

Love in Christ,

The Christians signed below