

## **Pearlman & Anderson File Charges Against Greek Orthodox Priest & Church**

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Attorneys Marc Pearlman & Jeff Anderson filed a lawsuit today against Nicholas E. Katinas, a Greek Orthodox priest, and against Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

This lawsuit alleges that the Plaintiff, John Doe 124, was abused at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, located in Olympia Fields, Illinois, in the mid 1970's while he was serving as an altar boy, and that Katinas abused other victims both before and after this boy. The lawsuit alleges that by 1974, the Assumption parish council president "had personally observed at least four suspicious incidents suggestive of pedophilia involving Katinas" and that church members pressured top church officials to remove Katinas from ministry. However, instead of removing Katinas and informing authorities of his conduct, the suit alleges, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago and Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America hid the abuse and transferred Katinas to Dallas in 1978 where he continued to molest other children. In addition to this lawsuit by John Doe 124, Katinas and the Church have been sued by at least four other victims he molested in Texas in the 1980's.

Katinas served as pastor at Assumption from 1969 – 1978. He was defrocked in January and is believed to currently be living in Greece.