

## Clerical Foxes Within The Laity's Henhouse

To the Editor:

Regarding "Chicago Parishioner/Writer Says the "Pharisees Win" (Feb. 27), your piece on Chicago Tribune writer and Greek Orthodox parishioner John Kass' commentary about the Fr. James Dokos matter, let us ask ourselves some questions:

Is this the way our "hierarchy runs" a major faith? This event is similar to other occasions of clerical youth abuse and specifically the Bishop Anthimos matter of some years past, when his "punishment" was a transfer elsewhere.

The fox in the henhouse comes to mind, when these people who have been clergy, commit a crime and still be retained as a priest and then transferred to another parish. Would any company do that?

Where is the transparency,

accountability and evangelism of our Orthodox faith? Should we wonder why the numbers of our members are way down? For far too long the laity has been asleep. Where are the protests, the letters of condemnation and criticism? Has our faith become just a name, a place of prayer, where we may go whenever we feel like it?

We will continue to have this kind of clerical administration, and we deserve it, until and unless we Orthodox insist on proper administration – honest and transparent.

We, the laity should demand no less. Would Jesus run his faith this way?

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