

# Orthodox Christians for Life

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RE: Deportation of Mr. Onsy Zachary and his wife Fadia.

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500:

Dear Mr. President,

I have been recently apprised of the plight of Mr., Onsy Zachary whom I have sufficient reason to believe is the victim of a false accusation by a relative whose main objective was to get him deported. Mr. Zachary, unfortunately, was convicted and is scheduled for release from prison this September. Upon his release, Mr. Zachary and his wife Fadia, who are Coptic Orthodox Christians will be deported to Egypt where they face imprisonment and torture. The Zacharys are on record as having applied to the United States for religious asylum because of the ongoing persecution of Coptic Christians by Muslim fundamentalists, a fact experienced personally by Mr. Zachary before he fled from Egypt. Such persecution is an all too frequent occurrence with the rise of militant Islam in the region. The case is thoroughly documented at: [www.saveonsy.com](http://www.saveonsy.com).

Through a convoluted and tragic series of events initiated by the ruthless and malignant actions of Mr. Zachary's own brother, Onsy was charged with and convicted of a crime that he did not commit. Mr. Zachary's niece, Susan Gillis - the daughter of his accuser - has recognized this great miscarriage of justice and is championing her uncle's cause. This is not a fact that should be overlooked; that is, that the daughter of the accuser is defending the accused! It serves to strengthen Mr. Zachary's case in the eyes of any objective person.

As National Director of Orthodox Christians for Life and a concerned Orthodox Christian, I call upon the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States to intervene in this matter and by Executive order, right the injustice perpetrated against Mr. Zachary and his wife. Because they are refugees from radical Islam, both face terrible persecution and possible death at the hands of anti-Christian fanatics if they are forcibly deported to Egypt. Furthermore, because this is a matter of the preservation of innocent human life, I also call upon the Congress of the United States to protect the Zacharys from the certain harm that will befall them if our Government does not act and act swiftly.

President Bush, I was at the March for Life when you addressed us regarding abortion and your support for the Pro-Life cause. It took great political courage on your part. This case is no different than in defending the sanctity of human life against abortion.

In the Orthodox Christian Liturgy there is a litany taken by the deacon for the leaders of our nation and our nation. Normally it calls for praying for: "the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces." With my priest's blessing, I use: "for the *God-fearing* President of our *God-protected* country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces *everywhere*." I do this because I believe you to be a righteous and God-fearing honorable man who is intent on doing the "right thing." Protecting Mr. Zachary and his wife Fadia is the "right thing." As the psalmist notes: (Psalms 82:4,RSV), "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hands of the wicked."

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. Deacon John Protopapas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rev. Deacon John Protopapas  
National Director,  
Orthodox Christians for Life