

Date	What Took Place	References
May 16, 2007	<p>Archimandrite Isidore drank vodka during the day of May 16, 2007. At approximately two in the afternoon he slept in order to prepare for the evening service. He attended service. During the service Priest Innocent confronted Archimandrite Isidore because Fr. Isidore smelled of alcohol. Later, Archimandrite Isidore went to dinner with two Russian reporters at a local restaurant. Fr. Innocent and Mr. Sidebottom found Fr. Isidore in the restaurant and told him to call Bishop NIKOLAI. Fr. Isidore called Bishop NIKOLAI and admitted to his drinking and also expressed a desire to enter treatment. After dinner, Fr. Isidore went home, washed up, and –of his own volition alone-- placed a call to Guest House (an alcoholism treatment facility) which confirmed that they had room for him; they instructed him to call the next day to confirm his reservation. Fr. Isidore then called Bishop NIKOLAI and reported his desire to enter rehabilitation and his successful efforts to confirm a place in Guest House. Bishop NIKOLAI told him to pursue this. Archimandrite Isidore returned to the apartment to pack; while in the apartment, he sent Bishop NIKOLAI a memo requesting permission to enter treatment. Fr. Isidore then located the remaining alcohol in his possession and became more intoxicated.</p> <p>It was later that the incident cited by Paul Sidebottom was alleged to have occurred.</p>	<p>Memo written by Archimandrite Isidore to Bishop NIKOLAI of 5.16.08</p> <p>Documentation Appendix 1</p> <p>In order to protect confidentiality appendices are available upon request</p>
May 17 and 18, 2007	<p>Archimandrite Isidore spent the day in Kodiak preparing for his trip to Minnesota. During the course of the day Mr. Sidebottom assured Fr. Isidore of his support and mentioned nothing of the night before. Mr. Sidebottom promised Fr. Isidore that, “Through the process of rehabilitation your true friends will separate themselves from your enemies.”</p> <p>Archimandrite Isidore and Priest Innocent returned to Anchorage and then travelled all night to Minneapolis, arriving the morning of the 18th. The two then drove to Rochester where Fr. Isidore was admitted to inpatient treatment at Guest House Treatment Center and received medical care at the Mayo Clinic. Guest House is a residential, three-month treatment program for clergy.</p> <p>Bishop NIKOLAI spoke with Paul Sidebottom by phone following Archimandrite Isidore’s departure for Minnesota. Mr. Sidebottom expressed no concern regarding events of the 16th of May. When Bishop NIKOLAI thanked Mr. Sidebottom for his assistance in caring for Archimandrite Isidore, Mr. Sidebottom said, “This is what we do.” (referring to his Christian duty in caring for Archimandrite Isidore.)</p> <p>Although Fr. Isidore sought promised support and friendship from Mr. Sidebottom, Sidebottom’s answers were brief at first and then stopped altogether.</p>	<p>Notes from Bishop NIKOLAI’s Calendar</p> <p>Archimandrite Isidore’s e-mail to Sidebottom.</p> <p>Documentation Appendix 2</p>

<p>May 25, 2007</p>	<p>Paul Sidebottom in a letter to Archbishop Job wrote "...I have accepted pastoral guidance from the Priest John Anderson..." who was a candidate for Dean at St. Herman Seminary. Anderson was also the author of an opinion regarding Bishop NIKOLAI and Archimandrite Isidore published at OCANews.org on 8/14/07 under the title, "The Secret Report," but referred to as, "The Brief" by Fr. Anderson.</p>	<p>Letter of Sidebottom to Archbishop Job Appendix 3</p>
<p>May 30 – June 4</p>	<p>Bishop NIKOLAI traveled to Kodiak and had daily interaction with Mr. Sidebottom.</p>	<p>Bishop NIKOLAI travel records See Calendar of Bishop NIKOLAI</p>
<p>Jun 26, 2008</p>	<p>Bishop NIKOLAI traveled to Kodiak for a faculty meeting and had interaction with Mr. Sidebottom. Nothing was discussed regarding Mr. Sidebottom's allegations concerning Fr. Isidore and concerning Bishop NIKOLAI; Bishop NIKOLAI was unaware of the allegations as of this date.</p>	<p>Bishop NIKOLAI travel records</p>
<p>Jul 4, 2007</p>	<p>Priest John Dunlop wrote a letter critical of Bishop NIKOLAI. (Priest Dunlop recanted that letter on August 12, 2007 saying Archbishop JOB had requested him to write it.)</p>	<p>Appendix 4 Admission of Archbishop JOB to Bishop NIKOLAI at Holy Synod meeting that he made contact with Dunlop and solicited the letter (also Meeting at 12.13.07 between Bishop Nikolai and Archbishop Job and facilitated by Archbishop Dmitri and attended by Archbishop Seraphim and Bishop Tikhon).</p>

<p>Jul 5 and 8, 2007</p>	<p>Although Paul Sidebottom had not communicated any allegation concerning Bishop NIKOLAI or concerning Fr. Isidore directly to Bishop NIKOLAI or directly to Fr. Isidore, Paul Sidebottom did so with Archbishop JOB and then Metropolitan HERMAN. Metropolitan HERMAN asked Mr. Sidebottom to write a letter detailing his allegations.</p>	<p>Appendix 5 7/4 and 7/5 letter of Priest Anderson to Archbishop JOB Admission of JOB See letter of 5/25/07 above</p>
<p>Jul 13, 2007</p>	<p>After numerous emails and voice-mails from Bishop NIKOLAI to Paul Sidebottom were not answered, Bishop NIKOLAI sent a letter by postal service and asked that Mr. Sidebottom contact him. Mr. Sidebottom made no response. After meeting with the seminary's Executive Committee made up of Cliff Argue and Mina Jacobs, Bishop NIKOLAI subsequently informed Mr. Sidebottom by postal mail (and copied him via email) of the decision to eliminate his position for budgetary reasons (i.e., the seminary was forced to eliminate positions in order to live within the means of its budget). At the suggestion of Cliff Argue, Seminary Trustee, Bishop NIKOLAI also spoke with Protospresbyter Martin Ritsi, head of OCMC; Ritsi indicated the Mission Center would be happy to reassign Mr. Sidebottom if Bishop NIKOLAI would recommend him. Bishop NIKOLAI answered with an emphatic "Yes!"</p>	<p>Appendix 6 Bishop NIKOLAI's 7/13 postal and email letter to Sidebottom. Bishop NIKOLAI's handwritten notes document meeting with Cliff Argue and Mina Jacobs as well as attorney consultation. Corroboration available.</p>
<p>Jul 16, 2007</p>	<p>The Metropolitan called Bishop NIKOLAI at 10:40 AM. And reported Mr. Sidebottom was claiming to have been terminated for filing a complaint against Archimandrite Isidore. According to the Metropolitan, Mr. Sidebottom made no mention of the actual reason for his termination (namely the need to reduce the number of positions in order to stay within budget.) By making the call to The Metropolitan, Mr. Sidebottom circumvented accepted diocesan and OCA policies regarding the reporting of such accusations. As a result, Bishop NIKOLAI called Fr. Ritsi again, and withdrew his recommendation for Mr. Sidebottom's reassignment. Then, Bishop NIKOLAI informed insurance and legal representation of the allegations against Archimandrite Isidore.</p>	<p>Handwritten Notes of Bishop NIKOLAI Conversation with James Gorski, diocesan representation and Peter Tesch, insurance agent.</p>
<p>Jul 17, 2007</p>	<p>Bishop NIKOLAI commissioned Martin Atrops, PhD, to investigate the accusations against Archimandrite Isidore.</p>	<p>Notes of Bishop NIKOLAI and Dr. Atrops (both available)</p>

Jul 20, 2007	Bishop NIKOLAI wrote Metropolitan HERMAN officially asking for documentation regarding allegations against Archimandrite Isidore. These documents were subsequently emailed to Bishop NIKOLAI after 8PM on July 20, 2007. The documents reveal that, in addition to accusing Archimandrite Isidore of sexual misconduct, Mr. Sidebottom also accused Bishop NIKOLAI of having abused Archimandrite Isidore.	Appendix 7 Notes of Bishop NIKOLAI and fax receipt of 5:28PM AKDST. See also Appendix 4 and "The Secret Report" cited below of 8/14/07 (attached)
Aug 2, 2007	Bishop NIKOLAI received an anonymous packet in the mail from Syosset, NY postmarked July 26, 2007 containing more than 50 pages of documents with a handwritten cover-sheet entitled, "Conspiracy Against Bishop NIKOLAI"	Copy of Envelope Appendix 8 Copy of Packet Appendix 9
Aug 9, 2007	Archimandrite Isidore wrote the Holy Synod emphatically denying any abuse by Bishop NIKOLAI.	Copy of Letter. Appendix Document 10
Aug 12, 2007	Priest John Dunlop wrote a letter to Bishop NIKOLAI recanting an earlier letter to Archbishop JOB.	Copy of Letter. Appendix Document 11
Aug 13, 2007	Bishop NIKOLAI requested that the OCA Office of Sexual Misconduct investigate the allegations of sexual abuse presented by Paul Sidebottom against Archimandrite Isidore.	Appendix 12 Letter from Bishop NIKOLAI to Metropolitan HERMAN 8/13/07.
Aug 21, 2007	Bishop NIKOLAI received call from Guest House director William Morgan indicating that Fr. Isidore was ready for discharge.	Bishop NIKOLAI's notes.

Early September (date not specified in report)	<p>Archpriest Karlgut interviewed Paul Sidebottom and seven other persons regarding allegations made against Fr. Isidore. None of the seven affirmed Paul Sidebottom's allegations.</p> <p>Archimandrite Isidore denied the allegation an eye-witness contradicted the allegation. (Summary Report, Page 1, paragraph 5)</p> <p>No witnesses came forward to substantiate allegations against Archimandrite Isidore (Summary Report, Page 2, paragraph 6)</p>	Final Report Confidential
Sep 19, 2007	Archpriests Karlgut and Alexander Garklavs interviewed Archimandrite Isidore at Guest House per OCA guidelines. Note that the Guidelines require that unsubstantiated allegations require respondent to be exonerated (10.04,3, 4)	Final report Confidential
Oct 18, 2007	Metropolitan HERMAN wrote Bishop NIKOLAI affirming that Bishop NIKOLAI was not under any investigation of any kind.	Appendix 13 Copy of Letter
Nov 2, 2007	Archpriest Alexei Karlgut assured Bishop NIKOLAI that none of the allegations against Fr. Isidore were substantiated and that Fr. Isidore could return to service immediately. Bishop NIKOLAI requested that the findings be made public per OCA guidelines 10.04, 3,4	Notes of Bishop NIKOLAI Bishop NIKOLAI's desk calendar
Nov 10, 2007	Archimandrite Isidore returns to Anchorage and to his work. This is nearly three months after Guest House approved him for discharge.	Calendar
Dec 20, 2007	Bishop NIKOLAI requested a written report from Archpriest Alexei Karlgut and is told by Fr. Karlgut that the report had not yet been finished	Bishop NIKOLAI's notes
Feb 5, 2008	<p>Bishop NIKOLAI called and requested the final report from Fr. Karlgut. Later that day, Bishop NIKOLAI received the report via e-mail from Archpriest Alexei Karlgut. The report was dated December 12, 2007. This means the report was in fact available on December 20, 2007 when Bishop NIKOLAI first requested it; and it means that the sending of the report was delayed 55 days.</p> <p>Archpriest Alexei Karlgut told Bishop NIKOLAI that Metropolitan HERMAN had the report for two weeks before it was sent to Bishop NIKOLAI.</p>	Bishop NIKOLAI's notes
Feb 14, 2008	Bishop NIKOLAI demanded in writing that Metropolitan HERMAN make findings of the investigation of Archimandrite Isidore public per the OCA guidelines 10.04, 3,4	Appendix 14 Letter of 2/14

Mar 3, 2008	Bishop NIKOLAI wrote Metropolitan HERMAN insisting that the findings of the investigation of Archimandrite Isidore be made public per policies cited in the letter.	Appendix 15 Letter of 3/3
Appendix 16 contains pertinent documents posted on ocanews.org		
Today	Findings of the investigation have not been made public. Seventy-eight days have passed since the investigation was concluded. Bishop NIKOLAI has made numerous requests that the final results of the investigation be made available to the public. These requests have been met with no response. This violates OCA Guidelines.	Appendix 17 OCA Guidelines