MBFGOCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 2, 3 & 4, 2007
ANNUNCIATION CHURCH OF GREATER PROVIDENCE, CRANSTON, RI
Rhode Island is waiting to welcome all Metropolis of Boston Church Musicians to the 2007 Conference! Preparations are well under way for this year’s Conference which will be held at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, located at 175 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, RI. A tremendous weekend filled with uplifting music, excellent food, lively dancing, and lots of fun is being planned. Encourage your Youth Choirs to participate as well. They will enjoy working with the Youth Choir Director, and they are sure to have fun with the activities that are being planned. Bring your Voices, your Appetites, your Dancing Shoes and your Energy. You are guaranteed to have a Great Weekend! Go to www.annunciationri.org for schedule and registration materials.

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY - October 7, 2007 has been designated by the Archdiocese of America as National Church Music Sunday. This date coincides with the Feast day of St. Romanos the Melodist, the Patron Saint of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. All parishes and choirs are encouraged to commemorate this date, honor their church musicians and help promote the important work done by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians and MBFGOCM. Also, please ask your Parish Priest and Parish Council to pass a special collection tray for the National Forum and note that a portion of the money collected will be returned to our Federation.

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR
Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2007

Sept. 22 Conference Area Music Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. St. Luke, 400 Prospect Street, East Longmeadow, MA
Sept. 23 Divine Liturgy - Combined Choir with St. Sophia, Syracuse, NY and Guest Composer/Conductor Tikey Zes St. George, 54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA
Sept. 29 Church Music Institute for all Choir Directors, Organists and Psaltai - Hellenic College, Brookline, MA Please see the attached flyer for more details!

Oct. 3 Deadline to make Conference Hotel Reservations
Oct. 13 Deadline to submit Choir Pictures and Ads for the 2007 Conference Commemorative Album
Oct. 21 Hierarchical Liturgy in Celebration of Metropolitan Methodios’ 25th Anniversary to the Episcopacy Annunciation Cathedral, Boston, MA
Oct. 26 Award Nominations due for Patriarch Athanasoras I Award and St. John of Damascus Award
Oct. 28 Conference Area Music Rehearsal - 3:00 p.m. Taxiarharie Church, 25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown, MA
Oct. 31 Deadline to Register for Conference 2007 without late fee

Nov. 2-4 2007 MBFGOCM Conference Annunciation Church of Greater Providence 175 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, RI

2008

Nov. 7-9 2008 MBFGOCM Conference Submit your bids!

CONFERENCE AREA MUSIC REHEARSALS - The St. Luke Church Choir of East Longmeadow, MA will host the next Area Music Rehearsal of The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom: A Bilingual Choral Setting, the choral setting composed by Chris J. Zervos and chosen for this year’s Annual Federation Conference, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 22. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The Taxiarhaie Church in Watertown, MA will be hosting the final rehearsal before the November conference on Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 p.m. A special thank you to all the choirs and parishes that host these important rehearsals!

CONFERENCE MUSIC - The music for this year’s Conference is available for purchase directly from the composer, Chris J. Zervos. The cost is $20 plus $4.05 shipping and handling for single copies. The mailing cost is reduced to $1.50 per copy for orders of 8 books or more. Please contact Chris J. Zervos directly to order your music:

Mr. Chris J. Zervos Email: chrisjzervos@aol.com 2159 Evergreen Rd. Toledo, OH 43606

Please note that no one will be allowed to sing at the Conference unless he/she has an original hymnal. Because of copyright rules, no photocopies will be permitted.

To submit information for the Mini Acouste Key:
Send to Carol Salvo
either by email (bcjas@comcast.net)
or mail (12 Robin Hood Road, Winchester, MA 01890)
Deadline Date: September 23, 2007