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Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

Official Communication

MBFGOCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 2, 3 & 4, 2007

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH OF GREATER PROVIDENCE, CRANSTON, RI

All year long most of us sing in our home churches, Sunday to Sunday, on special feast days and during Holy Week. We love our choirs, our youth choirs, our clergy, our fellow church musicians, our families and friends in the congregation, and everything that is familiar to us. We attend rehearsals and struggle through the issues that face all church musicians today. We all have common goals, interests, problems and yes, sometimes even complaints. Once a year, during the first weekend of November, the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians offers a means to bring as many of us as possible together. This year MBFGOCM Conference 2007 is being held at the Annunciation Church of Cranston, RI on November 2, 3 & 4. The Annunciation Choir and Conference Committee has been working and planning for a whole year to offer us a wonderful weekend where we can all come together in fellowship to worship, learn, sing and honor our best. The conference will introduce us to new music. This year we are singing the bilingual Choral Setting by Chris J. Zervos. Our Guest Conductor, Evey Simon, is traveling all the way from Troy, MI to direct us during rehearsals and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Our very own Connie Cokkinias from East Longmeadow, MA will accompany on the organ. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios will lead us all in worship. Our Metropolitan has been an unwavering supporter of our Federation and our conferences, and encourages all church musicians to attend the yearly conference. This is our weekend, our opportunity to meet, learn, pray, grow, refresh and rejuvenate ourselves. It's not too late to send in your registration forms. Don't miss your chance to be a part of something wonderful, Conference 2007 in Cranston, RI! Please go to www.annunciationri.org for registration forms and more information.

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY 2007 - On Sunday, October 7, all the churches in the Archdiocese of America celebrated National Church Music Sunday. Each church honored its church musicians in a different way. Many presented commemorative gifts or awards while others sponsored bake sales or passed collection trays to benefit the work of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. The Annunciation Church of Brockton, MA honored their very active and talented Youth Choir by presenting certificates to all 20 children. Congratulations to all our Church Musicians and thank you for your hard work, your dedication and for the invaluable ministry that you offer each and every Sunday throughout the year!

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR

Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2007

- Oct. 28 Final Conference Area Music Rehearsal - 4:00 p.m.
Taxiarchae Church, 25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown, MA
Please note changed time
- Oct. 31 Deadline to Register for Conference 2007 without late fee
- Nov. 1 Deadline to submit Choir Pictures and Ads for the
2007 Conference Commemorative Album
- Nov. 2-4 2007 MBFGOCM Conference
Annunciation Church of Greater Providence
175 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, RI
- Nov. 11, 18 & 25 and Dec. 2, 9 & 16
Christmas Concert Rehearsals - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Cathedral of New England
Parker & Ruggles Streets, Boston, MA
- Dec. 23 MBFGOCM Christmas Concert - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
in honor of Metropolitan Methodios' 25th
Anniversary of his elevation to the Episcopacy
Annunciation Cathedral, Boston, MA

2008

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

FINAL CONFERENCE AREA MUSIC REHEARSAL

- The Taxiarchae Church in Watertown, MA will be hosting the final rehearsal before the November Conference at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28**. *All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.*

MBFGOCM CHRISTMAS CONCERT

MBFGOCM will present a Christmas Concert in honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, who is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his elevation to the Episcopacy, at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 23, at the Annunciation Cathedral in Boston. This Concert will feature a chorus comprised of Metropolis of Boston church musicians accompanied by pipe organ, harp and string orchestra. All church musicians in the Metropolis of Boston are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Rehearsals will be held at the Annunciation Cathedral on Sundays, November 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 9 and 16 at 3:00 p.m.

To submit information for the *Mini Acouste Key:*

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Deadline Date: November 24, 2007