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Welcome to our New Web site!
The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians is pleased to welcome you to its new

HOME PAGE OF THE MBFGOCM WEB SITE - www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org

MBFGOCM ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB! - The Executive Board of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians is excited to announce its very own Web site on the internet. The Web site is an important addition to the ministry offered by MBFGOCM and offers the opportunity for news and information to be disseminated in an efficient and timely manner. Although the site is still under construction, many pages and a lot of content have already been added. You will find information on MBFGOCM itself, past and current newsletters, an up-to-date calendar, information on our Annual Conference and many other useful links and resources. We look forward to hearing what content you would like to see added and how it can best serve the needs of the Metropolis of Boston Church Musicians and Federation members. We encourage those choirs with parish Web sites to add a link to the MBFGOCM Web site, just as we have added links to all of the parish Web sites. We hope you will visit the site often to learn about MBFGOCM and the latest news and events. Please contact webmaster George Theodossiou at gtheodossiou@msn.com with your content, comments and suggestions. Special thanks to Dr. Vicki Pappas, National Chairman of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians and Jamil Samara of the Department of Internet Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for their invaluable assistance on this project.

PAN ORTHODOX VESPERS AT ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

- This year's annual Pan Orthodox Vespers Service for the Greater Boston Area will be hosted by the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church of Cambridge, MA on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 16, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. Father Aleksandar Vljakovic and the Pan Orthodox Choir committee are busy making preparations. Rehearsals will take place at St. Sava Church on Sunday afternoons on February 24, March 2 and March 9 at 3:00 p.m. with a dress rehearsal at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. All are welcome to come and sing the hymns of the Vespers Service and to visit our Serbian friends in their new church. For information call Stella Pathiakis at 339-222-2629.

CONFERENCE MUSIC - The music for this year's Conference is available for purchase directly from the composer, Dr. Tikey Zes. The Zes Choral Setting is \$22 plus \$9 shipping and handling for single copies; \$19.80 ea. plus \$13 S&H for 2 to 10 copies; \$18.40 ea. plus \$19 S&H for 11 to 20 copies and \$17.25 ea. plus \$29 S&H for 21 to 30 copies. Please contact Dr. Zes directly to order your music:

Dr. Tikey A. Zes, 2503 Booksin Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125 - Telephone: 408-723-0640 - Email: tzes@sbcglobal.net

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.

MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2008

Ted Guvelis and his Conference committee have started their preliminary arrangements for our annual Conference to be hosted by the Holy Apostles SS. Peter & Paul Church of Haverhill, MA. Conference Area Rehearsals are currently being scheduled in various districts around the Metropolis. If you would like to host a rehearsal please contact your district supervisor or a member of the MBFGOCM Executive Board. Look for the rehearsal schedule in future issues of the *Mini Acouste Key* and on our Web site.



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2007 MBFGOCM Christmas Concert Choir - Boston, MA

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUNG SINGERS CHORUS

- On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the newly formed Greek Orthodox Young Singers Chorus of the North Shore, under the direction of MBFGOCM Youth Choir Director Antonios Vatousios, appeared for the first time and sang the responses during the Great Vespers Service for the Feast of The Three Hierarchs at St. Vasilios Church in Peabody, MA. The group was comprised of 18 children and was joined by a combined senior choir. Metropolitan Methodios was so happy about the Youth Chorus and its potential that he invited them to the solea and thanked them in front of the congregation. The focus of this Youth Chorus will be to learn Byzantine style music, which can be found on www.hrsmusic.com (click on the St. Vasilios link).

The group will sing again on March 16 at 5:30 p.m. during a Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers Service at St. George Church in Lynn, MA and on March 24 at 7:00 p.m. during the Annunciation Vespers Service at the Annunciation Church in Newburyport, MA. They have a rehearsal scheduled for Sunday, March 9 at the Annunciation Church in Newburyport, MA. The Chorus also plans to sing one Sunday during the summer at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH and at the 2008 MBFGOCM Conference in Haverhill, MA from November 7 to 9. For more information on the Chorus' appearances, to learn how to support them, or for resources on starting your own parish or district youth choir, please contact Antonios Vatousios at 978-750-9761 or email to: antoniosvatousios@danvers.org.

MBFGOCM CHRISTMAS CONCERT TO BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT

- On Sunday, December 23, 2007, the combined choir of members of the Metropolis of Boston Federation presented an inspirational Christmas Concert honoring 25 years in the Episcopacy of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston. The choir, along with a group of talented soloists and accompanied by harp, strings and pipe organ, filled the nave of the historic Annunciation Cathedral of New England with the sounds of the Season. Following the concert, conductor Dean Limberakis and MBFGOCM President Heidi Mason presented His Eminence with a beautiful and unique carved icon of the Nativity. Congratulations to Metropolitan Methodios and everyone involved with the concert. We are already looking forward to next year's performance!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT RECORDING

The 2007 MBFGOCM Christmas Concert has been professionally recorded and the CDs are nearly ready to ship. Those who have listened to a preview agree that the sound is nothing short of spectacular! Copies may be ordered for \$10.00 each by filling out the attached order form below.

The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians 2007 Christmas Concert has been professionally recorded and CDs are being sold. They are being offered for \$10.00 each, including postage. The CDs will be mailed out as soon as they become available.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone _____
 E-Mail Address _____

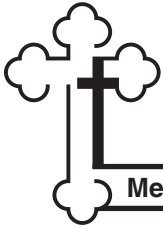
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Make checks payable to "MBFGOCM"

Mail completed order form to:

Dean Limberakis
 Hellenic College

50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445



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METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR

Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2008

- Feb. 28 Pan Orthodox Vespers Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
St. Saba Serbian Orthodox Church
41 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, MA
- Mar. 2 Pan Orthodox Vespers Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
St. Saba Serbian Orthodox Church
41 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, MA
- Mar. 9 Pan Orthodox Vespers Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
St. Saba Serbian Orthodox Church
41 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, MA
- Mar. 9 North Shore Greek Orthodox Young Singers Chorus
Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport, MA
- Mar. 16 Pan Orthodox Vespers Service - Sunday of Orthodoxy
Dress Rehearsal at 3:00 p.m.; Vespers at 5:00 p.m.
St. Saba Serbian Orthodox Church
41 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, MA
- Mar. 16 Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers Service - 5:30 p.m.
Greek Orthodox Young Singers Chorus will sing
St. George Church, 54 South Common, Lynn, MA
- Mar. 24 Annunciation Vespers - 7:00 p.m.
Greek Orthodox Young Singers Chorus will sing
Annunciation Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport, MA
- Apr. 5 Lenten Choir Retreat
St. Athanasius Church
4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA
- Jun. 8 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios
St. Nicholas Church, 17 Meriam Street, Lexington, MA
- Jul. 13-17 39th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress
and National Forum Annual Meeting
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC
- Sep. 20 Annual Church Music Institute for Choir Directors,
Organists, Psaltai and Priests
Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology
50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA
- Oct. 5 National Church Music Sunday
- Nov. 7-9 2008 MBFGOCM Conference
Holy Apostles/SS. Peter & Paul Church
154 Winter Street, Haverhill, MA
- Dec. 14 MBFGOCM Christmas Concert
Annunciation Cathedral of New England, Boston, MA

2009

- Nov. 6-8 2009 MBFGOCM Conference
Submit your bids

DATES TO REMEMBER

Lent begins on Monday, March 10th
Orthodox Easter is Sunday, April 27th

MBFGOCM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians was the first Greek Orthodox Choir Federation to be established in America. The Federation serves as a liaison between the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (through its musical arm, the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians) and every local parish choir, psalti and church musician in the Metropolis of Boston. Our Federation requires revenue to continue to offer programs and services to the parishes we serve. This revenue comes from each parish of the Metropolis in the manner of annual membership, special trays passed on National Church Music Sunday (the first Sunday of October) and voluntary donations. This revenue also supports publishing the *Acouste Key* and is returned to each parish by way of Seminars, Conferences, music, information and other items that are distributed to church musicians. Each parish is asked to complete the attached membership form and return it along with your membership payment. The MBFGOCM Executive Board thanks you for your continued support.

JAMES & KATHERINE PAPALAMBROS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND -

On January 6, 2008, James Papalambros, father of MBFGOCM President Heidi Mason, fell asleep in the Lord. Heidi and her family are honoring their parents with the establishment of the James and Katherine Papalambros Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.

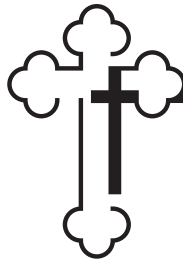
Donations may be sent to:

The James and Katherine Papalambros
Memorial Scholarship Fund
C/O Metropolis of Boston Federation
of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians
20 Fairhill Avenue, Rye, NH 03870

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: February 22, 2008



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**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!
PARISH MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR 2008**

(January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008)

The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (MBFGOCM) exists for the benefit of all parishes in the Metropolis of Boston. It also serves as the liaison between each local parish and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese's religious choral group, the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, which provides many resources to each parish and Choir Federation. MBFGOCM's ability to support Church Musicians is dependent upon the financial support from its choirs, organists, psaltai, and individuals.

Now that we are at the start of our fiscal year (January 1 - December 31), we take this opportunity to invite you to submit a **Choir Membership List**, along with your **Annual Stewardship Membership** of \$100, and mail them to: **JAMES MAHERAS, 20 FAIRHILL AVENUE, RYE, NH 03870.**

Thank you for your prompt response!

Name of Parish _____ **Parish Priest** _____

Address _____

(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Choir Director's Name _____

Address _____

(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Organist's Name _____

Address _____

(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Parish Psalti's Name _____

Address _____

(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Youth Choir Coordinator/Director (If you do not have a coordinator, please appoint someone who will be able to work with the Youth Music Ministry in the parishes of the Metropolis of Boston.)

Address _____

(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Please mail or email (jgmplm@earthlink.net) your separate list of adult choir and junior/youth choir members, giving each name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone, e-mail address, voice part (s-a-t-b), together with this form and your stewardship (\$100) made payable to "MBFGOCM," to:

**JAMES MAHERAS, TREASURER
20 FAIRHILL AVENUE
RYE, NH 03870**