The St. Athanasius Choir of Arlington extends an invitation to all for a

LENTEN RETREAT
Saturday, April 5, 2008 - 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm
St. Athanasius Greek Orthodox Church, 4 Appleton Street (Corner of Mass. Ave.), Arlington, MA 02476

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

12:30 p.m. Registration and Refreshments
1:00 p.m. Music - The Liturgy by Tikey Zes
2:00 p.m. Presentation and Discussion - Rev. Fr. Nicholas M. Kastanas

4:00 p.m. Organ Interlude - Sophia Argeros
4:30 p.m. Vespers Service
5:30 p.m. Lenten Buffet and Refreshments

“We invite everyone to come and participate in a meaningful afternoon of Orthodoxy. We will participate in discussions, become more involved in our Lenten experience, and find closer relationships with friends.”

COME AND ENJOY THIS MEANINGFUL PROGRAM

For information call: Stella Pathiakis - 339-222-2629; St. Athanasius Church - 781-646-0705

The St. Athanasius Greek Orthodox Church Choir is a member of The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.
METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR
Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2008

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

Monthly Feature

OUR CHOIRS AND OUR YOUTH
Most people agree that any youth involvement in our church is a step in the right direction - especially if they take part in the liturgy. This is the reason youth choirs can be so effective in helping the youth take ownership in our church and at the same time lift the spirits of our parishioners. So why is it that most of our churches have not established youth choirs that sing on a regular basis? His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios has expressed his desire to hear younger voices lead our congregations. What can we do to make this happen?

I have been directing the Youth Choir at St. Vasilios Church in Peabody for one year. It began with 3-4 voices and today we have 15 youth choir members and 5-10 adults who join us in singing at the first liturgy every Sunday. Fifteen young singers do not constitute by any means a full youth choir sound, but it is a good start. In future columns I will write from personal experience about what worked and what didn't during my first year as choir director, the music that I chose, how I recruited, how I learned to ask for support, how I communicate with my choir and how I managed to instill confidence in my choir members. After all, we sing in church so we can feel and share spiritual fulfillment and, hopefully, to look forward to the next Sunday service.

Antonios Vatousios,
MBFGOCM Youth Choir Director

CONFERENCE AND CONCERT CDs
AND DVDs ARE READY TO SHIP! - We are pleased to announce that the CDs and DVDs from the 2007 MBFGOCM Conference in Cranston, RI are going to be shipped to those who ordered them by the middle of March. The Commemorative Albums will also be shipped at the same time. The CDs from the 2007 MBFGOCM Christmas Concert are also ready and will be shipped to those who ordered them in early March. If you would like to order any of these items please fill out the order forms available on our Web site.

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Send to Carol Salvo
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Deadline Date: March 22, 2008