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CHRISTOS ANESTI! - ALITHOS ANESTI! CHRIST IS RISEN! - TRULY HE IS RISEN!

The Executive Board of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (MBFGOCM) hopes that you had an uplifting Lenten season, Holy Week and Anastasi and proclaims aloud «Χριστός Ανέστη» "Christ Is Risen!" The contributions of each and every one of us, as we sing the uplifting and meaningful hymns and responses of our ancient Orthodox Liturgies and Services during this holiest of seasons, is truly an inspiration to all.

We wish many blessed years to all. Χρόνια πολλά καί ευλογημένα.

MBFGOCM 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE "MUSIC AND FUN BY THE SEASHORE!" NOVEMBER 6, 7 AND 8 - ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, NH

Don't miss your chance to be a part of something wonderful this fall! We look forward to an exciting weekend in the historic city by the seashore - Portsmouth, NH. Jim Maheras and his committee have special plans for you including a sensational salty air cruise and New England cuisine with the Greek touch! Don't miss this. We will be singing our beloved hymns, searching our hearts and souls for true meaning and understanding, and feeling the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will be a weekend of fun, and a weekend of introspection. Save the date, November 6, 7, and 8, 2009. If you have never participated before, this is the conference for you. Make new friends, or come and see old friends. Learn new music and take this opportunity to sing in a large magnificent choir. This is one of the few times we have the opportunity to fully appreciate singing with choir members from all parts of the Metropolis. Watch for conference and hotel registration forms. Mark your calendar. Come and be a part of a special memory!

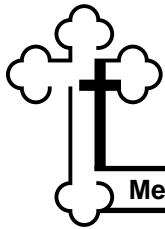


St. Nicholas Church, Portsmouth, NH

CONFERENCE GUEST CONDUCTOR AND MUSIC - It is with great joy that the Metropolis of Boston Federation announces the selection of our very own Dean Limberakis as our guest conductor for this year's annual Conference in Portsmouth, NH. Dean is a man of great dedication and faith who has served his church and the Federation in many ways. The Federation Music Committee is also proud to announce the selection of Professor Limberakis' own choral setting of the Divine Liturgy to be sung at this year's Conference. The music will be available at all the Area Conference Music Rehearsals.

CONFERENCE AREA MUSIC REHEARSALS - Mark your calendars! The Executive Board would like to announce that the first three area music rehearsals have been scheduled in preparation for the MBFGOCM Conference, which will be held on the weekend of November 6-8, 2009 in Portsmouth, NH. The first rehearsal will be hosted by the Annunciation Cathedral in Boston on Sunday, May 17, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Next, the Annunciation Church in Brockton will host a rehearsal on Sunday, May 31, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The third scheduled rehearsal will be held at the St. Demetrios Church in Weston on Wednesday, June 24, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. **Music will be available for purchase (\$10.00 - checks made out to MBFGOCM) at each rehearsal.** For more information, contact Heidi Mason (heidim50@aol.com or 781-344-2590). A list of upcoming rehearsals will be provided at all rehearsals and in future editions of the *Mini Acouste Key*. We look forward to seeing you!

HAS YOUR PARISH SENT IN ITS 2009 MBFGOCM MEMBERSHIP FORM AND STEWARDSHIP? The forms will arrive in your mailbox this week. Please return your completed forms along with your membership lists and your stewardship contribution today. Stewardship is your Federation's primary source of revenue.



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MBFGOCM ANNOUNCES CHOIR "YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS"

The amount of dedication demonstrated by our choir members, singing in our choirs every Sunday, week upon week, year upon year, well into our golden years, is staggering. Will we be wearing a golden halo when we arrive in that wonderful holy place, singing in beautiful voices to the glory of God? As choir members, we "who mystically represent the Cherubim" sing our hearts out again and again. Do we need recognition for what we do? No... But it is nice to say something about such dedication to our church and hymns, so beginning at the 2009 Conference in Portsmouth, NH we will be recognizing Choir Members for their total years of choir participation: 10 years, 25 years, and 50 years.

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETE ROSTER OF ALL CHOIR MEMBERS, INCLUDING ORGANISTS AND DIRECTORS, SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE, BEGINNING IN YOUTH CHOIR (if applicable) THROUGH JUNE 2009, FOR EACH PERSON TO CAROL SALVO, 12 ROBINHOOD ROAD, WINCHESTER, MA 01890 OR E-MAIL TO bcjas@comcast.net.



MBFGOCM Conference Choir, Haverhill, MA

organist Ona Calogrias did an outstanding job accompanying on the organ which added to the beauty of the Liturgy. Congratulations to all involved and we look forward to another successful Conference in November!

MBFGOCM CHRISTMAS CONCERT – On

Sunday, January 11, 2009, even the snow couldn't keep the audience away from attending the once-postponed Christmas Concert presented by a combined choir of members of the Metropolis of Boston Federation at the Annunciation Cathedral of New England in Boston. The uplifting choral performance of *Birth of a King* was accompanied by a string orchestra and an historic pipe organ and also highlighted a group of gifted soloists. At the conclusion, Conductor Dean Limberakis and MBFGOCM President Heidi Mason delivered a presentation of a beautiful icon for His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios. Congratulations to the choristers and everyone else who participated in this enjoyable event!

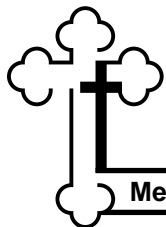
MBFGOCM SCHOLARSHIP - The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians will begin offering a Scholarship for students pursuing an education in music at higher institutions. Please watch for the upcoming announcement and application forms. This is a very exciting and worthwhile endeavor that the Federation has established for talented young musicians.

MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2008, HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH OF HAVERHILL "A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!"

- The recent MBFGOCM Annual Conference, held on November 7, 8 & 9, 2008, and hosted by the Holy Apostles / SS. Peter & Paul Church of Haverhill, MA, was indeed a most spectacular event. The entire Haverhill community, V. Rev. Fr. Makarios Niakaras and all the church organizations, through The Holy Apostles Choir and Choir Director / Conference Chairman Ted Guvelis, are congratulated for doing a wonderful job in hosting the Conference. They made sure that every detail was perfect and that all the participants were made to feel welcome with their famous Haverhill hospitality. Conference conductor and composer of the Liturgical Setting sung at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Dr. Tikey Zes, was a complete delight and brought out the very best in everyone with his calm, easy-going personality and musical expertise. Conference



MBFGOCM Christmas Concert Choir, Boston, MA



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MBFGOCM 2009 ELECTIONS - 2009 elections to the executive board are fast approaching. In an effort for all members of the Federation to become involved, we would like to appoint one member from each region to serve on the nominating committee and the awards committee. If you are interested, please submit your name and telephone to Heidi Mason, President at HeidiM50@aol.com or in writing to Heidi Mason, 1770 Bay Road, Stoughton, MA 02072.

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR

Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2009

- May 17 First Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 3:00 p.m.
Annunciation Cathedral of New England
Parker & Ruggles Streets, Boston, MA
- May 30 Concert of Sacred Music - 7:00 p.m.
Composed and Directed by Greg Condakes
St. Demetrios 50th Anniversary Celebration
St. Demetrios Church, 57 Brown Street, Weston, MA
- May 31 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 3:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- Jun. 24 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m.
St. Demetrios Church, 57 Brown Street, Weston, MA
- Jul. 8-12 Annual Meeting of the National Forum of
Greek Orthodox Church Musicians
Assumption Church, Roseville, MI
- Jul. 30-Aug. 2
National Church Music Institute
"Focus on Youth Music"
Holy Cross School of Theology
50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA
- Sep. 26 MBFGOCM Church Music Institute
Archbishop Iakovos Library & Research Center
Holy Cross School of Theology
50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA
- Oct. 4 National Church Music Sunday
- Nov. 6-8 2009 MBFGOCM Conference
St. Nicholas Church
40 Andrew Jarvis Drive, Portsmouth, NH
- Nov. 21 Celebration of Greek Music - 7:30 p.m.
Sanders Theatre at Harvard University
45 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA

2010

- Nov. 5-7 2010 MBFGOCM Conference
Submit your bids!

50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC, ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH, WESTON, MA

The St. Demetrios Choir is presenting a Concert of Sacred Music on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Demetrios Church in Weston. The concert, in celebration of the church's 50th Anniversary, will feature the premier of a liturgical setting composed and directed by St. Demetrios Choir Director Greg Condakes sung by a choir of over 55 singers. Tickets are \$20 and may be ordered by calling Perry and Athena Conostas at 508-359-2439 or Dorothea Ocnos at 508-877-5954. See the attached flyer for more information.

MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2009 HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

The St. Nicholas Conference Committee has negotiated special rates with a local hotel. It's not too early to book your hotel rooms for this November's conference. The information is as follows:

Sheraton Harborside Portsmouth Hotel and Conference Center
250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801
Call the hotel direct at 603-559-2613.

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate
King Bedded Room	\$139.00	\$139.00
Double Bedded Room	\$139.00	\$139.00

The above rate includes one full, hot breakfast per person on the morning of Saturday, November 7th, 2009 in the hotel's Harbors Edge Restaurant.

Reservations must be received no later than October 7, 2009. The Hotel will continue to accept reservations after the cut-off date on a space and rate availability basis only.

2008 CHRISTMAS CONCERT CDS

The 2008 MBFGOCM Christmas Concert was professionally recorded again this year and is available for purchase. If you would like a copy of this beautiful concert please send a check for \$10 for each CD (price includes shipping) payable to **MBFGOCM** along with your name and address to:

Dean Limberakis
Hellenic College
50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445

To submit information for the Mini Acouste Key:

Send to Carol Salvo

either by E-mail (bcjas@comcast.net)
or mail (12 Robin Hood Road, Winchester, MA 01890)
Deadline Date: May 24, 2009

A mosaic of Saint Demetrios, a bearded man with a halo, wearing a white and gold robe with a red sash. The background is dark blue.

IN CELEBRATION OF
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SAINT DEMETRIOS CHURCH

THE SAINT DEMETRIOS CHOIR
PRESENTS

A CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

FEATURING
THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION FOR A GREEK ORTHODOX CHOIR

BY
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SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2009
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