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2009 NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTE "FOCUS ON YOUTH MUSIC" TO BE HELD JULY 30 THROUGH AUGUST 1 AT HELLENIC COLLEGE IN BROOKLINE, MA

Dear Church Musicians:

We are pleased to announce that our Federation, in conjunction with the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, will be participating in and giving support to the 2009 Summer Institute: Focus on Youth Music, to be held from July 30 through August 1, 2009 at Hellenic College/Holy Cross in Brookline, MA. The program being developed by National Chairman, Vicki Pappas and Joanne Kambouris, National Forum Youth Initiative Coordinator, promises to be informative and hands-on with a lot of practical information. Through the generosity of a 'Leadership 100' grant given to the National Forum, the three-day seminar is a must for those interested in developing or expanding youth music programs in their parishes. The Department of Religious Education is also conducting a parallel track for church school teachers, and participants will be able to cross over to attend workshops of their interest.

Youth Music Topics include:

- The Status Of Youth Music Programs In Our Archdiocese: Where We Are And Where We Need To Go
- Techniques For Teaching Music - Youth Music Demonstration Sessions
- Understanding The Byzantine Liturgy
- Ideas For Youth Music Programs In Your Parish
- Hymn Sing: Repertoire For Children And Congregations
- Youth Music Jam Session: Hymns And Lessons That Work!
- Helping Children To Experience Byzantine Chant
- What Can A Youth Music Coordinator Do? Ideas For Your Parish, Your Metropolis, And The National Forum
- An Evening With Bishop Savas: Icons And iPods

Your parish should have received registration information from the Department of Religious Education. We urge all Youth Choir Directors, Church School Teachers, Youth Music Coordinators, Youth Ministry Coordinators, and anyone interested in attending to send in your registration as soon as possible. If you would like further information, contact Heidi Mason at (781) 344-2590 or email Vicki Pappas at pappas@indiana.edu.

For further information, go to these websites: <http://www.churchmusic.goarch.org/events/nationalcmi.html> and <http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religioused/si>

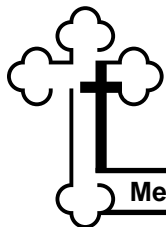
CONFERENCE AREA MUSIC REHEARSALS – Two more area music rehearsals have been scheduled in preparation for the MBFGOCM Conference, which will be held on the weekend of November 6-8, 2009 in Portsmouth, NH. The first rehearsal will be hosted by the St. Demetrios Choir in Weston on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Catherine Church Choir of Braintree, MA will host a rehearsal on Sunday, August 9 at 3:00-5:00 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 in future editions of the *Mini Acouste Key*. We look forward to seeing you!

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR OF NEWBURYPORT PERFORMS AT MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS

The Choir of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Newburyport, MA recently performed a concert of sacred Orthodox hymns from the Greek and Russian traditions at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA. This renowned museum is home to more than 300 icons from Russia and it recently hosted a rare exhibit of icons from the famed Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow. At the invitation of the museum, the choir performed sacred works on the last night of the exhibit, a farewell to these magnificent icons before their return to the museum in Moscow. The choir was thrilled to perform sacred hymns for the icons, most of which have not been in churches for more than 75 years. The choir's repertoire includes a number of major hymns by Russian composers including the living Russian Orthodox composer, Rev. Sergei Glagolev. Fr. Glagolev's work spans more than 50 years of composing and includes hymns for Divine Liturgy and the many feasts of Orthodoxy. The choir wishes to thank the Museum of Russian Icons for hosting this concert.



Annunciation Choir of Newburyport, MA



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Gregory Condakes, John Morakis,
and 50th Anniversary Concert Choir, Weston, MA

ST. DEMETRIOS MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH MAGNIFICENT DEBUT OF GREGORY CONDAKES' ORIGINAL COMPOSITION FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

- A choir of over 50 singers sang in front of a capacity crowd in the St. Demetrios Church of Weston, MA on Saturday, May 30th in celebration of the Church's 50th Anniversary. It was an evening to both celebrate the past and look to the future. The first part of the concert consisted of favorite Sunday hymns sung by the choir over the past half decade, all written by different composers and featuring *The Heavens Are Telling* by Joseph Haydn and *Laudate Dominum (Praise The Lord, All Nations)* by Mozart.

The highlight of the evening was the debut of the new composition for the Divine Liturgy by Gregory Condakes, Choir Director of the St. Demetrios Choir of Weston. In his own words, Greg says, "I did not set out to write an entire liturgical setting. Actually, I never even saw myself

as a composer. But something inspired me – I think it was the passing of my parents – to write one hymn, a communion hymn which would blend the two languages, Greek and English, seamlessly. The music would be original yet somehow retain the essence of Byzantine chant. The hymn, *Enite Ton Kyrion (Praise The Lord)*, practically wrote itself and immediately became a favorite of the choir."

Congratulations to Greg, the St. Demetrios Choir and Friends, John Morakis, Event Chairman, and everyone involved for a most unforgettable evening!

MBFGOCM SCHOLARSHIP - The Executive Board of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians is pleased to announce the establishment of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians Scholarship Awards Program. Scholarships will be awarded to students who are pursuing undergraduate collegiate or post graduate degrees in music or an associated field. Applications are attached to this publication and are available on our Web site. The 2009 deadline for the submission of the application is July 15, 2009. Any questions should be directed to the Scholarship Committee: Manny Mihailides, Chairman (401-524-8999 or manny5@cox.net), Sophia Argeros (781-586-1286 or a.argeros@worldnet.att.net) and James Maheras (603-431-8893 or jgmplm@earthlink.net)

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR

Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2009

- 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. 1
National Church Music Institute
"Focus on Youth Music"
Holy Cross School of Theology
50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA
- Aug. 9 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 3:00 p.m.
St. Catherine Church, 119 Common Street, Braintree, MA
- Sep. 26 MBFGOCM Church Music Institute
Archbishop Iakovos Library & Research Center
Hellenic College/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!

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: June 26, 2009



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*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
Psalm 104:33*

2009 Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarships will be considered for the following areas:

- Voice
- Instrumental Instruction
- Conducting
- Music Theory and Harmony

Qualifications for Undergraduate/Graduate Students

- Applicant must be Greek Orthodox.
- Applicant may be a high school senior or graduate student.
- Applicant may be a graduate advancing his/her knowledge of music.

Application Procedures

- Each application must be accompanied by official sealed transcripts and letters of recommendation from applicant's Parish Priest and/or Choir Director.
- The Scholarship Committee shall review applications.
- The Scholarship Committee shall present the scholarships at the annual Conference of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, which will be held on November 8, 2009, at the St. Nicholas Church, Portsmouth, NH.

Applications must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2009 and mailed to:

Sophia Argeros
8 Stage Coach Lane
Lynnfield, MA 01940



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Scholarship Application For Undergraduate/Graduate Students

Students should complete Parts I and II. Official sealed transcripts along with letters of recommendation from your Parish Priest and/or local Choir Director are required. An interview may be requested by the Scholarship Committee. **PLEASE PRINT BELOW.**

Part I: Information

Name: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____

School Address: _____

Name of Church: _____ City/State: _____

Present Church Activities: _____

Part II: School Information

Name of College/Program: _____

City/State of College: _____

Are you presently in school?: _____ If not, have you been accepted?: _____

Name/Location of High School attended: _____

Are you presently a music major or minor?: _____

Principal instrument/Performance area: _____

Years of study: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____