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Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

Official Communication

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2009 CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTE (CMI) - The MBFGOCM Executive Board is pleased and excited to announce the schedule for this year's Church Music Institute to be held for the first time in conjunction with the Metropolis of Boston Clergy-Laity Congress on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at St. Demetrios Church in Weston, MA from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Featured at the CMI will be Dr. Barbara Guillette, who will speak on the topic of *Vocal Health*, an important concern for all church musicians. While an undergraduate at Brown University, she continued her musical interests by studying flute and performed in various musical groups. Dr. Guillette received her medical degree cum laude from Yale University School of Medicine and completed her residency training in Surgery and Otolaryngology at SUNY-Buffalo. Her interest in voice prompted her to set up the Laryngovideostroboscopy Unit at Kent Hospital. She practices in Warwick, RI, and holds clinical faculty appointments with both Brown University and Tufts University School of Medicine. Treating voice patients allows Dr. Guillette to combine her musical interests with her medical training as she strives to help patients to regain or maintain their healthy voices.

The CMI will also feature important and timely workshops in *Surviving a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy* with Clinician Dean Limberakis, Choirmaster of the Annunciation Cathedral of Boston, MA, and *Working with Youth Choirs* with Clinician Jane Kourtis, Youth Choir Director, St. Demetrios Church of Weston, MA.

A tradition at the Metropolis of Boston CMIs is to hold a *Square Table Discussion* during lunch which gives everyone an opportunity to offer suggestions and talk about the challenges we all face in our parishes. The CMI will conclude with a review of the Conference 2009 music. All Church Musicians, Psaltai and Clergy are invited to attend these workshops. The Church Music Institute is co sponsored by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians through a generous grant from Leadership 100. See the attached flyer for further information. We look forward to seeing you all there!

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

REHEARSALS - There are many area music rehearsals scheduled for the upcoming Conference to be held this year at St. Nicholas Church in Portsmouth, NH on November 6-8, 2009. Please try to attend as many rehearsals as you can to best prepare for the Hierarchal Liturgy. Conference Chairman Jim Maheras and his committee have promised us a weekend we won't soon forget!

A huge **Thank You** goes to each Choir and parish who have hosted or who will be hosting area music rehearsals! It's not too late to plan a rehearsal at your parish. Just let us know the date that fits your schedule!

The Annunciation Choir of Dover, NH is graciously hosting a dinner at the conclusion of the September 19 rehearsal. To enable our host to better prepare, please RSVP to bcjas@comcast.net if you and/or others in your Choir will be attending this rehearsal. Thank you!

MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2009

Dates

Friday, November 6 through Sunday, November 8, 2009

Host Parish

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Portsmouth, NH

Celebrant

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston

Music

Dean Limberakis Bilingual Liturgical Setting

Conductor

Dean Limberakis, Annunciation Cathedral, Boston, MA

Organist

Athena Marken, St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA

Registration Information

Registration packets can be downloaded from our Web site at:

www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org

Hotel Information

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0907132056&key=2ECF4>

Upcoming Area Music Rehearsals

Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Annunciation Church, Dover, NH at 3:00 p.m.

followed by dinner, please RSVP to bcjas@comcast.net

Sunday, September 27, 2009 at Annunciation Cathedral, Boston, MA at 3:00 p.m.

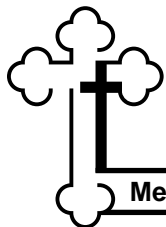
Saturday, October 3, 2009 at St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Dormition Church, Somerville, MA at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 18, 2009 at St. Catherine Church, Braintree, MA at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at St. George Church, Lynn, MA at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 2009 at St. Nicholas Church, Portsmouth, NH at 11:00 a.m.



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NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY - October 4, 2009 has been designated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America as National Church Music Sunday. This date coincides with the Feast day of St. Romanos the Melodist, the Patron Saint of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. This is a day for parishes to recognize the stewardship of all church musicians: choir directors and members, chanters, organists, youth choir leaders, and Church School hymnology teachers.

The National Forum has mailed packets to each choir director and priest. It includes this year's Church Music Sunday poster featuring St. Theodore the Studite, resource materials, ideas for commemoratives, etc. The National Forum also has a section of their Web site dedicated to Church Music Sunday. Here you can find information on 20 ways to commemorate Church Music Sunday and recognize your church musicians, commemorative materials, church musician's prayers and a prayer service, Church bulletin insert, commissioning service and many other useful resources. These can be found at <http://www.churchmusic.goarch.org/events/churchmusicsunday.html>.

All parishes and choirs are encouraged to commemorate this date, honor their church musicians and help promote the important work done by the National Forum and the Metropolis of Boston Federation.

Also, please ask your Parish Priest and Parish Council to pass a special collection tray for the National Forum and note that a portion of the money collected will be returned to our Federation.

ST. GEORGE CHOIR OF LYNN, MA PLANS FUND-RAISERS

- While most of us enjoyed the quiet of the summer, the St. George Choir of Lynn was busy planning a series of fund-raisers to kick-off the new Ecclesiastical Year. On Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. the members of the choir will serve as guest bartenders and greeters at the new Blue Ox Restaurant at 191 Oxford Street in Lynn, MA. All the tips they collect will go directly to the St. George Choir. The choir has also been busy rehearsing for their annual concert in early October, the St. George Choir and Friends Broadway Pops Show "Anything Broadway" will be held on Friday, October 2, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. to benefit the church building fund. Please call 781-593-6162 or 781-587-0015 for tickets and information.

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: September 28, 2009

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR

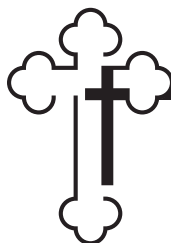
Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2009

- Sep. 16 St. George Choir (Lynn, MA) Fundraiser - 6:00 p.m.
Choir members will serve as bartenders and greeters and perform with all tips going directly to the St. George Choir
The Blue Ox Restaurant, 191 Oxford Street, Lynn, MA
- Sep. 19 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 93 Locust Street, Dover, NH
Dinner will be served following the rehearsal
please RSVP to bcjas@comcast.net
- Sep. 27 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Cathedral
514 Parker Street, Boston, MA
- Oct. 2 St. George Choir Annual Broadway Pop Show - 8:00 p.m.
St. George Church, 54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA
- Oct. 3 MBFGOCM Church Music Institute - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
In conjunction with the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Congress
St. Demetrios Church, 57 Brown Street, Weston, MA
- Oct. 4 National Church Music Sunday
- Oct. 4 St. George Choir Annual Broadway Pop Show - 4:00 p.m.
St. George Church, 54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA
- Oct. 10 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church
29 Central Street, Somerville, MA
- Oct. 18 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
St. Catherine Church, 119 Common Street, Braintree, MA
- Oct. 28 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
St. George Church, 54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA
- Oct. 31 Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas Church
40 Andrew Jarvis Drive, Portsmouth, NH
- 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

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



**METROPOLIS OF BOSTON FEDERATION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS**



Eighth Annual Church Music Institute for All Church Musicians

***In conjunction with
the Metropolis of Boston Clergy-Laity Congress***

**St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
57 Brown Street, Weston, MA**

Saturday, October 3, 2009

*All Church Musicians from the Metropolis of Boston are
encouraged to attend this informative Seminar!*

- 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer
Welcome:
Heidi Mason, *President, MBFGOCM*
Choir Director, Annunciation Church, Brockton, MA
- 9:15 a.m. **Workshop:**
“Vocal Health”
Dr. Barbara Guillette, *Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist*
Brown University and Tufts University School of Medicine
Questions and Answers
- 11:15 a.m. **Workshop:**
“Hierarchical Liturgy Review”
Dean Limberakis, *President Emeritus, MBFGOCM Executive Board*
Choirmaster, Annunciation Cathedral, Boston, MA
- 12:00 noon LUNCH and Square-Table Discussion
- 1:00 p.m. **Workshop:**
“Working with Youth Choirs”
Jane Kourtis, *Youth Choir Director, St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA*
- 2:00 p.m. **Review of Conference Music**
Dean Limberakis, *Composer, 2009 MBFGOCM Conference Music*
Conductor, 2009 MBFGOCM Conference

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