2009 CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTE (CMI) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009 - Excitement is building for this year’s Church Music Institute to be held 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 am to 4:30 pm. Featured at the CMI will be important and timely workshops on the topics of Vocal Health, an important concern for all church musicians, with Clinician Dr. Barbara Guillette, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Brown University and Tufts University School of Medicine, 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. The CMI will conclude with a review of the Conference 2009 music. All Church Musicians, Psaltai and Clergy are invited to attend these workshops. Church Musicians will also sing three hymns during the Opening Prayer of the Clergy-Laity Congress, to be directed by St. Demetrios Choir Director Greg Condakes and accompanied by St. Demetrios Organist Athena Marken. The music is attached at the end of this publication.

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 an updated schedule and further information. A free-will offering will be accepted during registration. We look forward to seeing you all there!

MORE MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2009 REHEARSALS - With this year’s Conference to be held at St. Nicholas Church in Portsmouth, NH on November 6-8, 2009 only a few weeks away, we are coming down the home stretch with Area Music Rehearsals. There are six rehearsals scheduled for the month of October at six different communities around the Metropolis of Boston. Those who have attended the rehearsals know how helpful they are in getting us acquainted and comfortable with the Conference music. We are extremely fortunate this year to have Dean Limberakis, our Conference Conductor, directing all the upcoming rehearsals and Athena Marken, Conference Organist as rehearsal Accompanist.

A huge Thank You goes to each Choir and parish who have hosted or who will be hosting area music rehearsals!

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY - October 4, 2009 has been designated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America as National Church Music Sunday. 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.

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. 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.

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

Co-Chairs
Rev. Father Angelo Pappas & James Maheras

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=2ECAF4

Upcoming Area Music Rehearsals
Saturday, October 3 at St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA at 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 10 at Dormition Church, Somerville, MA at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 14 at St. Athanasius Church, Arlington, MA at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 18 at St. Catherine Church, Braintree, MA at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28 at St. George Church, Lynn, MA at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31 at St. Nicholas Church, Portsmouth, NH at 11:00 a.m.
**MBFGOCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**NOVEMBER 6, 7 & 8, 2009 - ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, NH**

All year long we sing in our home churches, Sunday to Sunday, on special feast days and during Holy Week. We love our choirs, our youth choirs, our clergy, our fellow church musicians, our families and friends in the congregation, and everything that is familiar to us. We attend rehearsals and struggle through the issues that face all church musicians today. We all have common goals, interests, problems and yes, sometimes even complaints. Once a year, during the first weekend of November, the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians offers a means to bring as many of us as possible together. This year MBFGOCM Conference 2009 is being held at the St. Nicholas Church of Portsmouth, NH on November 6, 7 & 8. The St. Nicholas Choir and Conference Committee have been working and planning for a whole year to offer us a wonderful weekend where we can all come together in fellowship to worship, learn, sing and honor our best. The conference will introduce us to new music. This year we are singing the bilingual Choral Setting by our own Dean Limberakis who is also our Guest Conductor. Athena Marken from Weston, MA will accompany on the organ. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios will lead us all in worship. We will elect a new Executive Board and for the first time this year we will award the first MBFGOCM Scholarships and honor our Church Musicians with the new Years of Service Awards.

This is our weekend, our opportunity to meet, learn, pray, grow, refresh and rejuvenate ourselves. Don’t miss your chance to be a part of something wonderful, Conference 2009 in Portsmouth, NH! Please go to www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org for registration forms, directions to the church and more information.

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**METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR**

*Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.*

**2009**

Oct. 2  St. George Choir Annual Broadway Pop Show - 8:00 p.m.
St. George Church, 54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA
*Proceeds to benefit the St. George Building Fund*

Oct. 3  MBFGOCM Church Music Institute - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
*In conjunction with the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Congress*
St. Demetrios Church, 57 Brown Street, Weston, MA

Oct. 4  National Church Music Sunday
*Honor Your Church Musicians!*

Oct. 4  St. George Choir Annual Broadway Pop Show - 4:00 p.m.
St. George Church, 54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA
*Proceeds to benefit the St. George Building Fund*

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. 14  Area Conference Music Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
St. Athanasius the Great Church
4 Appleton Street, Arlington, 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
*Proceeds to benefit the Metropolis of Boston Ministries*

**2010**

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

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**HAS YOUR PARISH SENT IN ITS 2009 MBFGOCM MEMBERSHIP FORM AND STEWARDSHIP?**

**YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE CONFERENCE.**

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Send to Carol Salvo
either by E-mail (bcjas@comcast.net)
or mail (12 Robin Hood Road, Winchester, MA 01890)
Deadline Date: October 26, 2009
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. Arrival, Coffee and Registration - Free-Will Donations will be accepted

9:30 a.m. Opening Prayer
Church Musicians will sing - See attached music

9:45 a.m. Keynote Address:
His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios

10:00 a.m. CMI Welcome:
Heidi Mason, President, MBFGOCM
Choir Director, Annunciation Church, Brockton, MA

10:15 a.m. Workshop:
“Vocal Health”
Dr. Barbara Guillette, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist
Brown University and Tufts University School of Medicine

11:45 a.m. Workshop:
“Hierarchical Liturgy Review”
Dean Limberakis, President Emeritus, MBFGOCM Executive Board
Choirmaster, Annunciation Cathedral, Boston, MA

12:30 noon LUNCH

1:15 p.m. Workshop:
“Working with Youth Choirs”
Jane Kourtis, Youth Choir Director, St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA

2:30 p.m. Review of Conference Music
Dean Limberakis, Composer, 2009 MBFGOCM Conference Music
Conductor, 2009 MBFGOCM Conference

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Blessed are you, O Christ our God; you made the fisher-men all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them you drew the world into your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to you.