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MBFGOCM "YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS" - Last year the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians instituted a new "Years of Service Award" for its members. In the first year, more than 125 church musicians were recognized, including 20 individuals with more than 50 years of service, for the dedicated service they have offered "to preserve, perpetuate and promote the sacred hymnology of our Holy Orthodox Church."

This year's awards will once again be given out in November at the 2010 annual MBFGOCM Conference in Arlington, MA. Please send your complete roster listing all choir members, including organists and directors, showing the total number of years of service for each person, beginning in youth choir (if applicable) through June 2010 to Meri Kassanos by e-mail to merimkassanos@comcast.net.

RACHMANINOFF CONCERT - RESOUNDING SUCCESS - Almost 200 people, not including the seventy-five singers, gathered together on Sunday, April 11, at the Annunciation Church of Dover, NH to listen to the masterful rendition of Rachmaninoff's *All-Night Vigil* by the Rachmaninoff Choir under the direction of Dr. Antoni Antolini.



Rachmaninoff Choir under the direction of Dr. Antoni Antolini
Annunciation Church, Dover, New Hampshire

The choir spent a lovely afternoon at the church and was deeply appreciative both of the warm hospitality of the volunteers and the outstanding acoustics of the church. The reception after the concert was also outstanding, combining the efforts of many generous parishioners.

Deep gratitude goes to the many volunteers that contributed to this success, to Siroun Braun who chaired the event and the members of the Annunciation choir, to Zoe Polychronopoulos and the Annunciation Outreach group as well to the Council members who assisted.

Half of the amount of the proceeds from the concert will be presented to "My Friends's Place," who also had a few representatives at the concert. The other half will be used to create a music ministry fund for the church.

MBFGOCM SCHOLARSHIP - The Executive Board of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians will again this year be offering the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians Scholarship 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 2010 deadline for the submission of the application is July 15, 2010. Any questions should be directed to the Scholarship Committee: Manny Mihailides, Chairman, at manny5@cox.net (401-524-8999), Sophia Argeros at sargeros@comcast.net (781-586-1286) and James Maheras at jgmplm@earthlink.net (603-431-8893).

The MBFGOCM Scholarship relies on your donations to raise the funds given to these deserving recipients. Last year the Federation was able to award two scholarships. Without your continued support the scholarship fund will have to be scaled down or discontinued. Please use the attached form below to send in your donation today for this very worthwhile cause!

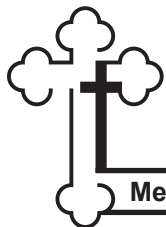
METROPOLIS OF BOSTON FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Pledge: \$ _____

Received from: _____
(name and address)

In honor / memory of: _____
(circle one)

Please make checks payable to: **MBFGOCM Scholarship Fund**
and mail to: Sophia Argeros, 8 Stagecoach Lane, Lynnfield, MA 01940



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CONFERENCE 2010 REHEARSALS CONTINUE - Rehearsals for the MBFGOCM Conference 2010 music will continue this month on Sundays, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Annunciation Church, Brockton, MA, and will be held at the Annunciation Church every Sunday through October 3 unless otherwise announced. Please note that there will be **no rehearsals** on May 9 (Mother's Day), May 16 and May 30 (Memorial Day weekend.) The Brockton choir is learning the complete Limberakis Liturgy for their upcoming Consecration, to be held on October 9 & 10, 2010, and has graciously opened their weekly rehearsals to the entire Metropolis. Light refreshments will be served following the rehearsals. The Annunciation Church is also inviting Federation musicians to join their choir on this most important occasion in the life of the church. Other Conference Area Music Rehearsals will be scheduled throughout the Metropolis in the coming months. Contact any Federation Board Member to schedule a rehearsal at your church and check future issues of the *Mini Acouste Key* and the Federation web site for more details.

CHOIR DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE - Father Lenny Faris, the pastor at St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Lowell, MA is looking to replace his choir director (Phyllis Arsenault) who is retiring at the end of May. St. George is a very small but nice community just up the street from Transfiguration Church. Father Lenny is very easy to work with and the services are 98% English. Please contact Father Faris directly if you are interested. His e-mail address is fatherfaris@saintgeorgelowell.org.

MBFGOCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

Host Parish

St. Athanasius the Great Greek Orthodox Church,
Arlington, MA

Celebrant

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston

Co-Chairmen

Rev. Father Nicholas Kastanas & Stella Pathiakis

Music

Dean Limberakis Bilingual Liturgical Setting

Conductor

Gregory Condakes,
St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA

Organist

Athena Marken,
St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA

Youth Choir Director

Nicole Vankuilenberg

Hotel Information

Hilton Garden Inn, Burlington, MA - \$79 per
night (*Reservation information to follow*)

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR

Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2010

- May 23 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- Jun. 6 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- Jul. 4-8 34th Annual Meeting of the
National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians
In conjunction with the
40th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress
Marriott Atlanta Marquis
265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA
- Oct. 3 2010 National Church Music Sunday
- Oct. 9-10 Consecration Weekend
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- Nov. 5-7 2010 MBFGOCM Conference
St. Athanasius the Great Church
4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA
- Dec. 12 Annual MBFGOCM Christmas Concert
Annunciation Cathedral of New England
More details to follow

2011

- Nov. 4-6 2011 MBFGOCM Conference
Submit your bids!

HAS YOUR PARISH SENT IN ITS 2010 MBFGOCM MEMBERSHIP FORM AND STEWARDSHIP?

*Please ask your Choir Director
to fill out the attached form!*

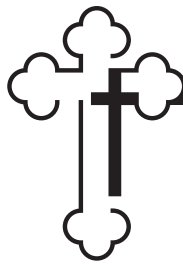
To submit information for the Mini Acouste Key:

Send to

George Theodossiou

E-mail: gtheodossiou@msn.com

Deadline Date: May 25, 2010



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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*

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!
PARISH MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR 2010**

(January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010)

The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (MBFGOCM) exists for the benefit of all parishes in the Metropolis of Boston. It also serves as the liaison between each local parish and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese's religious choral group, the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, which provides many resources to each parish and Choir Federation. MBFGOCM's ability to support Church Musicians is dependent upon the financial support from its choirs, organists, psaltai, and individuals.

Now that we are at the start of our fiscal year (January 1 - December 31), we take this opportunity to invite you to submit a **Choir Membership List**, along with your **Annual Stewardship Membership** of \$100, and mail them to: **Andrew Marken, 4 Garrison Ln, Southborough, MA 01772.**

Thank you for your prompt response!

Name of Parish _____ **Parish Priest** _____

Address _____
(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Choir Director's Name _____

Address _____
(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Organist's Name _____

Address _____
(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Parish Psalti's Name _____

Address _____
(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Youth Choir Coordinator/Director (If you do not have a coordinator, please appoint someone who will be able to work with the Youth Music Ministry in the parishes of the Metropolis of Boston.)

Address _____
(Street, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Please mail or email (akmarken@comcast.net) your separate list of adult choir and junior/youth choir members, giving each name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone, e-mail address, voice part (s-a-t-b), together with this form and your stewardship (\$100) made payable to "MBFGOCM," to:

**ANDREW MARKEN, TREASURER
4 GARRISON LANE
SOUTHBOROUGH, MA 01772**



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2010 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 November 5-7, 2010, at the St. Athanasius the Great Church, Arlington, MA.

Applications must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2010 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: _____