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MBFGOCM 2010 CONFERENCE UPDATES

2010 CONFERENCE CHAIRMEN FROM ST. ATHANASIUS VISIT HILTON GARDEN INN

The MBFGOCM 2010 Conference Committee has been working hard for months preparing all the details for this year's festivities. Of course, one of the first things the Chairmen thought about was making sure their Conference guests would sleep and eat well! Our Chairmen are pictured here in front of the fireplace at the Hilton Garden Inn, Burlington, MA, the venue for the Saturday banquet, and where rooms have been reserved for the travelling Conference participants. The Hilton Garden Inn is beautiful and very convenient to the church.

Other details that the Conference Committee has been planning for this weekend include a tour of Historic Arlington and Lexington on Saturday afternoon, Tango lessons and a Folk singing workshop. Entertainment at the banquet will consist of Dance performances by the Sons and Daughters of Alexander the Great and the Boston Ballroom Dance Center as well as a "Dancing with the Stars" dance competition. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will feature *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for Mixed Voices* arranged by Dean Limberakis with guest conductor Greg Condakes and guest organist Athena Marken, both from St. Demetrios Church in Weston, MA. There will be a large Youth Choir with guest youth conductor Nicole VanKuilenburg from St. Athanasius the Great Church in Arlington, MA and guest youth organist Anthony Rozakis from Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church in Somerville, MA. We look forward to seeing you all in Arlington on November 5 through 7!



MBFGOCM 2010 Conference Chairmen - Irene Kalogeris, Angeliki Stamas, Stella Pathiakos and Aphrodite Darris

CONFERENCE YOUTH CHOIR - This year the 2010 Conference Committee of Arlington is planning for participation of Youth from as many Metropolis Parishes as possible. Your Youth Choir Director and Parish Priest will be contacted and supplied with Registration Forms and Conference music. The Youth will participate on Saturday with some workshops, social events, and a brief rehearsal, and on Sunday during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. They will perform their own portion of the Liturgy, including a hymn composed by Dean Limberakis especially for the 2010 Conference Youth Choir! Registration forms are available online at the following websites: www.saintathanasius.org and www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org. Please contact Stella Pathiakos for more information at 339-222-2629 or stella.pathiakos@comcast.net.

TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR CHOIR! CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND CHOIR PHOTOS - Our goal is to have a photo of every Choir in the Metropolis included in the Conference Program. So... Take a picture! We are giving everyone advance notice so that you may plan a time when you can take a great photo of your Choir and send it to us. Don't be left out. Help us to document our Choirs in the year 2010! You deserve to be recognized for all your beautiful singing. For the first time, The Conference Program will be distributed to all the faithful as they enter the church for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Please send your Photo to:

Attn: Irene Kalogeris, St. Athanasius Church Choir
% St. Athanasius Greek Orthodox Church
4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA 02476
Deadline: October 3, 2010

MBFGOCM ANNUAL 2010 CONFERENCE

Host Parish

St. Athanasius the Great Greek Orthodox Church,
4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA

Celebrant

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston

Chairmen Ex Officio

Rev. Father Nicholas Kastanas & Stella Pathiakos

Music

*The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for
Mixed Voices* by Dean Limberakis

Conductor

Gregory Condakes
St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA

Organist

Athena Marken
St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA

Youth Choir Director

Nicole VanKuilenburg

Youth Choir Organist

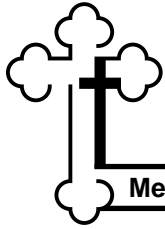
Anthony Rozakis

Registration Information

www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org

Hotel Information

Hilton Garden Inn, Burlington, MA
Room rate - \$79 per night, double occupancy



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TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH, LOWELL, MA - ANNUAL VACATION CHURCH CAMP

Eighty-eight students are shown here after singing a wonderful program of songs at the Vacation Church Camp, Transfiguration Church this summer. The students, from the four Orthodox Parishes of Lowell, learned hymns and songs in the music class and also participated in crafts classes, physical education and religious studies. Seeing the enthusiastic, happy faces and hearing the angelic voices of children from Kindergarten to seventh grade are wonderful things. Under the direction of Toula Sparages, the children have a lot of fun and come back every summer for more. Toula is assisted by Emillee Blanchet, a music teacher, and a number of student helpers. This is a highly successful and fun program for the kids. The staff is composed of teachers trained in their field, who have been teaching at the camp for sixteen years. Congratulations, Toula, on your success!



2010 Vacation Church Camp - Transfiguration Church, Lowell, MA



Metropolitan Methodios with Oliver Goodrich and Don Argyrople

CHURCH MUSICIANS TONSURED IN NEWBURYPORT, MA

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios presided at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Annunciation Church in Newburyport on Sunday, May 16, 2010, when the community celebrated the 25th Anniversary since the opening of the new church edifice following a catastrophic fire which destroyed the church structure. It was a joyous celebration for all. Following the liturgy Metropolitan Methodios tonsured chanters Don Argyrople and Oliver Goodrich as readers during a special service. A reader, also called a lector, is one of the minor orders of the Orthodox Church, a sub-clerical order, setting him apart as blessed by the bishop to read the epistle readings in the Divine Liturgy. He may also serve as a cantor, catechist, or in other leadership roles in the local parish community. Don also serves as the Annunciation Choir Director and Oliver sings in the choir and is a member of the Parish Council. Congratulations to these two talented and dedicated church musicians!

MBFGOCM SCHOLARSHIP - The 2010 deadline for the submission of scholarship applications has been extended to September 15, 2010. 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 sargeros@comcast.net) and James Maheras (603-431-8893 or jgmplm@earthlink.net). Scholarship applications are available on our web site or by contacting members of the Scholarship Committee. Please consider supporting the MBFGOCM Scholarship Fund by returning the form below along with your generous donation!

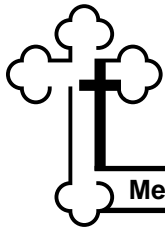
METROPOLIS OF BOSTON FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Pledge: \$ _____

Received from: _____
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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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METROPOLIS OF BOSTON WELL REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL FORUM ANNUAL



Heidi Mason, George Theodossiou and Dean Limberakis attend National Forum Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA

MEETING - The 34th Annual Meeting of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians was held at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis, Atlanta, GA, in conjunction with the 40th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress, July 4-8, 2010. MBFGOCM President Heidi Mason along with President Emeritus Dean Limberakis and George Theodossiou represented the Metropolis of Boston this year.

The week began for many of the National Forum delegates on Saturday with a rehearsal at the Annunciation Cathedral of Atlanta in preparation for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 4th. National Forum members, combined with the Annunciation Cathedral choir, under the direction of Christina Polizos, sang liturgical music arranged by Kevin Lawrence and Nick Maragos. The Liturgy was officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios along with all of the Metropolitans of the Archdiocese.

Sunday evening the National Forum delegates hosted a reception attended by Hierarchs, priests, and invited guests honoring the new recipient of the St. Romanos Melodios Medal. National Forum members, under the direction of Joanne Kambouris of Clearwater, FL, sang a medley of hymns. This year's honoree is Dr. Alexander Lingas, presently of London, England. Alex is the founder and director of the very popular

ensemble, Cappella Romana, and has contributed toward the advancement of psaltes in the Greek Archdiocese. AXIOS - Alex. This medal is awarded to an outstanding individual with significant national contributions to the advancement of Church music and is given biannually at each Clergy Laity Congress. Presbyter Anna Gallos, esteemed church music composer, was also present. Everyone gathered to wish Anna a Happy 90th Birthday!

Monday morning featured the official opening session of the Congress which included a Doxology Service and Keynote Address by Archbishop Demetrios. The members of the National Forum, under the direction of Joanne Kambouris, Clearwater, FL, sang hymns and responses.

Dr. Vicki Pappas, National Forum Chairman, officially opened the meeting on Monday afternoon. The next four days were filled with exchanging ideas with church musicians from across our Archdiocese about the use of English, new music, youth involvement, choir director development, chanter training, and congregational singing. Our goal is to make information and resources available to parishes and church musicians. During the course of our meetings many Hierarchs, priests, and guests visited offering thanks and praises for the work the National Forum does for the parishes and choirs of the Archdiocese.

On Tuesday, the National Forum offered a Workshop to the Congress - "Come and See: Ideas for Youth Music Programs for Your Parishes". A panel comprised of choir directors, youth choir directors and Fr. Serafim Dedes presented their "tricks of the trade" in organizing and training youth choirs for our churches. The workshop was well attended by clergy and lay people alike.

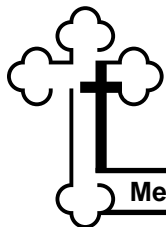
After a long and very productive week, Thursday afternoon was time to bid farewell to old and some new friends until next year. The 2011 meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, July 6-10, 2011.

Article written by Susan Karcanes, National Forum Recording Secretary

"YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS" LAST CALL! - The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians will once again honor and recognize Choir Members for their total years of choir participation - 10 years, 25 years, and 50 years - at this year's Annual Conference in Arlington, MA. Last year over 125 choir members received awards! As time is drawing near, we ask all choir directors in the Metropolis of Boston to send a complete roster of all choir members, including organists and directors, showing their total number of years of service, beginning in youth choir (if applicable) through June 2010. Please mail or e-mail your rosters to:

Meri Kassanos, 7 Cedar Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106 - 413-567-8527 - merimkassanos@comcast.net

Please help us to recognize all of our hard-working church musicians!



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METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR

Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2010

- Aug. 4 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 7:15 to 9:00 p.m.
St. Demetrios Church, 57 Brown Street, Weston, MA
- Aug. 8 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- Aug. 11 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
St. Demetrios Church, 57 Brown Street, Weston, MA
- Aug. 18 Conference 2010 Rehearsals
St. Athanasius Church, 4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA
Youth Choir - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Adult Choir - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Aug. 22 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- Aug. 25 Conference 2010 Rehearsals
St. Athanasius Church, 4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA
Youth Choir - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Adult Choir - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Aug. 29 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- Sep. 12 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- Sep. 15 Conference 2010 Rehearsals
St. Athanasius Church, 4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA
Youth Choir - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Adult Choir - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Sep. 25 Annual MBFGOCM Church Music Institute (CMI)
Hellenic College, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA
More information to follow
- Sep. 26 Conference 2010 Rehearsals - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
St. Athanasius Church, 4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA
- Oct. 3 2010 National Church Music Sunday
- Oct. 3 Conference 2010 Rehearsal - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Annunciation Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
- 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!

SCHEDULE FOR CONFERENCE 2010 REHEARSALS

- Many rehearsals for the MBFGOCM 2010 Conference have been scheduled. Rehearsals will be held at the Annunciation Church, Brockton, MA, every Sunday through October 3 unless otherwise announced. Please note that there will be **no rehearsals** on August 15 (Feast of Panagia) September 5 (Labor Day weekend) and September 19. St. Athanasius Church in Arlington, MA, the Conference 2010 host parish, has scheduled a series of rehearsals for both the Youth and Senior Choirs on certain Wednesdays. Several Rehearsals have also been scheduled at St. Demetrios Church in Weston, MA.

As we get closer to the Conference and we return from our summer activities more rehearsals will be scheduled throughout the Metropolis. Please check future issues of the *Mini Acouste Key* and the calendar on the Metropolis of Boston Federation web site for more information. Thank you to all the parishes that have hosted rehearsals during the past few months. If your parish would like to host a Conference rehearsal please contact Heidi Mason at 617-710-1159 or HeidiM50@aol.com.

**HAS YOUR PARISH SENT IN
ITS 2010 MBFGOCM
MEMBERSHIP FORM AND
STEWARDSHIP?
YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR
STEWARDSHIP TO BE
ELIGIBLE TO VOTE
AT THE FEDERATION
COUNCIL MEETING DURING
THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE.**

**To submit information for the
Mini Acouste Key:**

Send to
George Theodossiou
E-mail: gtheodossiou@msn.com
Deadline Date: August 26, 2010



Saint Athanasius the Great

Greek Orthodox Church | Arlington, Massachusetts

4 Appleton Street, Arlington, Ma 02476 Phone: 781-646-0750



O Lord, Your love is better than life itself. My lips shall declare your praise. Psalm 63, Verse 4

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2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 5, 6 & 7, 2010

The Choir of St. Athanasius Greek Orthodox Church

is proud to announce that we will be hosting this year's Metropolis Conference

ADULT CHOIR AND YOUTH CHOIR

Voices from all the New England States

Director: Gregory Condakes Organist: Athena Marken

Music by: Constantine Limberakis

Youth Choir Director: Nicole Vankuilenburg

Mark your calendar!

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- Sing beautiful New Liturgical Music with a 100 voice Choir
 - Tour Historic Arlington/Lexington - Banquet and Entertainment
 - Colorful Dancing by the Sons and Daughters of Alexander the Great
 - World Class Tango performance by the dancers of the Boston Ballroom Dance Center
 - Fun and Prizes – “Dancing with the Stars” - Learn to dance the Tango!
 - Extraordinary Youth Choir and Youth Activities on Saturday and Sunday
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Adult Choir Registration Fee: \$100 (Includes all Meals, Banquet, Saturday Tour, and Sunday Luncheon.)

Youth Choir Registration: No Fee

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Wheeler Road, Burlington, MA 01803 Phone: 781-272-8800 (Special Rates)

For information contact:

Please refer to the Registration Package for all details.

Stella Pathiakis - 339-222-2629 - Email: stella.pathiakis@comcast.net; Irene Kalogeris - 617-823-0301;

Aphrodite Darris - 781-646-7193 - Email: DarrisNA@msn.com; Angeliki Stamas - 781-648-1961

REGISTRATION FORM

MBFGOCM 2010 Annual Conference- November 5, 6 & 7

St. Athanasius Greek Church, Arlington, MA

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS

PLEASE PRINT

FIRST NAME _____ LAST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME/CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PARISH NAME _____ CITY/STATE _____

VOICE PLACEMENT: Soprano ___ Alto ___ Tenor ___ Bass ___

Are you a Delegate for your Parish? Yes ___ No ___ (Dues must be paid and current prior to the Conference.)

Meal Preference: Baked Stuffed Chicken ___ Stuffed Pork Tenderloin ___ Vegetarian ___
 Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Warm Caramelized Apples Pasta Primavera with Vegetables

Do you have a guest attending the Conference? Yes ___ No ___ (If yes, please attach Guest Meal Order Form, Page 8.)

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 | |
| The Registration Form must be accompanied by your payment. | \$ _____ 100 |
| Historic Arlington/Lexington Tour \$12 each | |
| Number of Tickets _____ Total enclosed: | \$ _____ |
| Guest Meals - For Non-registered Participants | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL REGISTRATION, TOUR AND GUEST MEALS | \$ _____ |

Please register in time for your name to be printed in the "List of Choir Members," which will appear in the *Conference Program* to be distributed at the Conference. DEADLINE - October 11, 2010 (In our hands.)

- Be sure to include: [] Check payable to **St. Athanasius Greek Church Choir**
 [] Registration Form
 [] Guest Meal Form

MAIL TO: MBFGOCM 2010 Conference Registration
 St. Athanasius Church Choir
 % St. Athanasius Greek Church
 4 Appleton Street
 Arlington, MA 02476

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