DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE’S ANNUNCIATION PARISH MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2011!

This year’s Annual Federation Conference is being hosted by the Annunciation Church of Dover, New Hampshire from Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6, 2011. The Conference Committee, under the leadership of Choir Director, Federation District 1 Supervisor and Conference Coordinator Siroun Roubian-Braun and parish priest Rev. Fr. Costin Popescu, is finalizing the activities for what promises to be a wonderful weekend in historic Dover. Special hotel arrangements have been made and registration materials are available on the Metropolis of Boston Federation Web site. Special workshops and a walking tour of Dover have been planned and the entertainment at Saturday night’s Grand Banquet promises to be the best ever! The entire Annunciation community is a buzz with excitement and anticipation as everyone is busy making sure every last detail is perfect for their guests. If you haven’t done so already, please fill out your registration forms and make your hotel reservations today.

THE HOLY LITURGY OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH BY TRIANTE C. KEFALAS

Triante C. Kefalas was born in Greece in the late 1800s. He attended the Dueheana Opera School for six years and performed in concerts throughout America where critics praised him for his “brilliant classic tenor voice.” He taught classical music in Boston for twelve years.

While in Boston Mr. Kefalas began to compose and arrange music for *The Holy Liturgy of the Greek Orthodox Church* that was, in his words, “arranged to be sung by the youthful and comparatively untrained church choir.” Patriarch Athenagoras, then Archbishop of America and former Bishop of Boston, heard several choirs in the Diocese of Boston sing Mr. Kefalas’ music. His Eminence particularly liked the style of the music which, he said, “corresponds perfectly to our ecclesiastical tradition.” He recommended that Mr. Kefalas take on the responsibility of organizing choirs in each of the other New England churches. He was given the title “Organizer of Choirs in New England” and was entrusted with fifteen choirs.

The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians Executive Board unanimously selected the Kefalas music to be taught and sung at its annual Conference Liturgy in November 2011. The Federation Board felt it was important to bring back and honor this historic and beautiful liturgical composition that was among the first written in four-part harmony for Greek Orthodox Church choirs in America. The music is relatively simple and based on the Church’s Byzantine melodies.
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**MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2010 LITURGY CDs NOW AVAILABLE!** - The MBFGOCM Conference 2010 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy has been professionally recorded and is available for purchase. The cost is $14 for each CD (price includes shipping). If you would like a copy of this beautiful Liturgy featuring the music adapted and arranged by Dean Limberakis, please send a check along with your name and address to:

Attn: Stella Pathiakis - Church Choir St. Athanasius Greek Orthodox Church 4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA 02476

Please make checks payable to St. Athanasius Church Choir

Contact Stella Pathiakis at 339-222-2629 or stella.pathiakis@comcast.net for more information. Order forms are also available at the Metropolis of Boston Federation Web site at [http://www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org/conference.html](http://www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org/conference.html).
METROPOLIS OF BOSTON REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND NATIONAL FORUM ANNUAL MEETING - The 35th Annual Meeting of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians was held at the St. Nicholas Life Center in St. Louis, MO from July 6-10, 2011. MBFGOCM President Heidi Mason along with President Emeritus Dean Limberakis and George Theodossiou represented the Metropolis of Boston again this year. In addition to the regular National Forum business, this year’s meeting discussed in detail the report from the historic meeting of the National Forum with our Eparchial Synod. The National Forum also voted to adopt the new Metropolis of Boston Youth Choir Curriculum in a joint venture with the other Federations of the National Forum. The National Forum also voted to allot a grant in order for this project to be completed and used by parishes throughout the entire Archdiocese. Congratulations to everyone involved in this important and worthwhile project!

HELLENIC COLLEGE / HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY CHORALE AND MBFGOCM CHOIR PRESENT FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS CONCERT - The combined voices of the Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology Chorale and the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Church Musicians' Choir presented “A Musical Celebration Of Christmas Concert” on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at the Maliotis Center on the grounds of Hellenic College.

Under the direction of Dean Limberakis, Adjunct Instructor and Director of Music at Hellenic College and Holy Cross, the combined choirs presented an inspiring selection of traditional Christmas Carols and Church Hymns for the Christmas season. The Greater Boston Strings Orchestra accompanied the choral group.

Mr. Limberakis stated that, “This combined choir is the first in the history of Hellenic College and the Federation and my hope is that this joint venture will continue.” True to his word, this year’s Concert will take place on Sunday, December 11, 2011. More information will follow in future issues of Mini Acouste Key.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DVDS AVAILABLE - The historic 2010 Christmas Concert of the Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology Chorale and the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians’ Choir joined by the Greater Boston Strings was recorded and is available as a DVD. The cost is $10 for each DVD (price includes shipping). If you would like a copy, please send a check along with your name and address to:

George Theodossiou
c/o Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301

Please make checks payable to Metropolis of Boston Federation (MBFGOCM)

Contact George Theodossiou at 508-942-2565 or gtheodossiou@msn.com for more information.
2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS - Meritorious Service awards were presented to Church Musicians from the Metropolis of Boston at the conclusion of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of MBFGOCM Conference 2010 at the St. Athanasius the Great Church in Arlington, MA. These individuals have worked tirelessly to promote Church and Ethnic music in the Metropolis of Boston and beyond.

Anastacia Caras - Recipient of the 2010 St. John of Damascus Award - Anna, as she is called by her many friends and admirers, attended the New England Conservatory and majored in Classical music. Her love of music does not stop there. Anna is well known for her over 30 years of volunteer work at the Hellenic Nursing Home in Canton. Every Tuesday she gathers singers from throughout the Metropolis of Boston to sing and entertain our beloved residents of the home with Greek Folk songs. To see the joy she brings to them is indescribable. Congratulations to Anna!

George Theodossiou - Recipient of the 2010 Patriarch Athenagoras I Award - George has been a dedicated choir member of the Annunciation Church of Brockton, MA for 26 years. He has also held several positions in our Federation, starting out as a District 5 Supervisor, a member of the Constitution Committee, and then on to Vice President. Currently, he is the editor of the Federation newsletter, the electronic Mini Acouste Key - and is webmaster for the Federation’s Web site. As a result of George’s involvement, and through his skills and talent in computers and graphics, our Federation was the first Federation to launch an electronic monthly newsletter – the MINI ACOUSTE KEY – which enables our Federation to better communicate with its members on important and timely information regarding activities within the Federation.

In 2007, Dr. Vicki Pappas, Chairman of the National Forum, reached out to George for assistance in developing the National Forum Web site. He did so willingly and without hesitation. At the same time, he was instrumental in developing our own Federation’s Web site, which is linked to the Web sites of the National Forum and to our Metropolis of Boston. Each year George develops and designs the poster for Church Music Sunday that is printed and sent to all the parishes of the Archdiocese of America by the National Forum.

George is most deserving of this award for his years of service to the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians and to the National Forum of Church Musicians. Congratulations to George!

2011 AWARD NOMINATIONS - Nominations are being accepted for the two meritorious service awards given annually by the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.

Patriarch Athenagoras I Award - The Patriarch Athenagoras I Award was initiated by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians and established in 1996 as a means of giving recognition to meritorious individuals whose contributions to the Music Ministry of the Church in the Metropolis of Boston are worthy of distinction. The DEADLINE for 2011 nominations is October 24, 2011. Nomination forms and guidelines are available on the Metropolis of Boston Federation Web site at www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org. The selected individual will receive their award following the Divine Liturgy at this year’s annual MBFGOCM Conference in Dover, NH on Sunday, November 6.

St. John of Damascus Distinguished Service Award - The St. John of Damascus Distinguished Service Award was established in 1992 as a means of giving recognition for distinguished contributions made to the Music Ministry of the Metropolis of Boston. The DEADLINE for 2011 nominations is October 24, 2011. Nomination forms and guidelines are available on the Metropolis of Boston Federation Web site at www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org. The selected individual(s) will receive their award following the Divine Liturgy at this year’s annual MBFGOCM Conference in Dover, NH on Sunday, November 6.

Mail nominations for both of these awards to:

Emmanuel Mihailides  
c/o Annunciation Church  
175 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920
2011 CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTE (CMI) - On Saturday, March 5, 2011, Church Musicians from throughout the Metropolis of Boston gathered at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis Center in Brookline, MA for their Annual Church Music Institute. Guest clinicians included Rev. Dr. Alkiviadis Calivas, Professor Emeritus, Holy Cross School of Theology; Penelope Bitzas, Associate Professor of Music at Boston University and Gregory Condakes, Choir Director of St. Demetrios Church in Weston, MA who spoke on topics of great interest to all church musicians. The new Metropolis Youth Choir curriculum was presented and announcements made regarding the 2011 annual Conference site, music and guest conductor.

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios opened the gathering with a prayer and expressed his thanks to the choirs from throughout the Metropolis of Boston for their dedicated service. His Eminence stressed the need to attract more members to the “Ministry of the Choir” and for more emphasis to be placed on “Worship.” He also expressed his desire to see choirs participating in more services besides the Divine Liturgy and looks to Youth Choirs as a way of keeping our young people in the church and as a means to replenish our Choirs.

Following Metropolitan Methodios’ remarks, Heidi Mason, President of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, presented His Eminence with a check for the St. Methodios Retreat House. His Eminence was grateful to the Federation for their donation which came from the proceeds of their recent Christmas Concert, held on December 12, 2010. The Church Music Institute was cosponsored by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.

“YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS” LAST CALL! - The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians will once again this year honor and recognize Choir Members for their total years of choir participation - 10 years, 25 years, and 50 years - at the Annual Conference in Dover, NH. 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 2011. Please note that your choir must be a member in good standing with the Federation for your members to be eligible to receive an award. Please e-mail your rosters to:

Heidi Mason at HeidiM50@aol.com or 617-710-1159

Please help us to properly recognize all of our hard-working Church Musicians!

CONDUCTORS TRAINING ACADEMY - The Metropolis of San Francisco Federation has published a “Conductors Training Academy” manual from which all Federations can adapt their own program. MBFGOCM President Heidi Mason is reaching out to all conductors in the Metropolis who would like to serve on a committee to formulate the training manual for our Federation. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Heidi at HeidiM50@aol.com or 617-710-1159.

SCHEDULE FOR MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2011 REHEARSALS - Please check the Calendar on the Web site for rehearsal dates. If your parish would like to host a Conference Music Area rehearsal please contact Heidi Mason at HeidiM50@aol.com or 617-710-1159.

2011 CLERGY LAYITY CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE! - The Annual Clergy Laity Conference of the Metropolis of Boston will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Maliotis Cultural Center on the campus of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, MA. Look for more information in future issues and on the Metropolis of Boston Federation Web site.

NOMINATIONS FOR FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD - Elections for positions on the MBFGOCM Executive Board will be held at the annual Conference in November. If you are interested in volunteering for the Board, please submit your name to Stella Pathiakis, Nomination Committee Chairman, at Stella.Pathiakis@comcast.net

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Dean Limberakis is pleased to announce that this year’s Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2011. This year’s Concert will once again feature the Hellenic College/Holy Cross Chorale and the Metropolis of Boston Federation Choir. Rehearsals will begin in November following the annual Conference. Look for more details in upcoming issues of Mini Acouste Key.

www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org
2010 MBFGOCM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians is pleased to announce that the 2010 recipient of the Annual MBFGOCM Scholarship is Gregory Alexandropoulos of Westford, MA. Gregory is a first year student at the University of Massachusetts Lowell majoring in Music Education. He is a parishioner of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Lowell, MA. Gregory has received many honors throughout his high school years including a certificate from the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild for an original musical score written for the play “Chamber Music” while at Westford Academy. Congratulations to Gregory!

2011 MBFGOCM SCHOLARSHIP - The 2011 deadline for the submission of Scholarship applications has been extended to September 13, 2011. Any questions should be directed to the Scholarship Committee: Manny Mihailides, Chairman (401-524-8999 or mannym5@cox.net), Sophia Argeros (781-586-1286 or sargeros@comcast.net) and James Maheras (603-431-8893 or jgmplm@earthlink.net). Scholarship applications are attached to this issue and are available on our Web site or by contacting members of the Scholarship Committee.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MBFGOCM SCHOLARSHIP FUND! - The MBFGOCM Scholarship is completely funded by your generous contributions. Please consider supporting the fund and our young Church Musicians 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: __________________________________________
(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

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR
Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2011

Sep. 25 Conference 2011 Music Rehearsal - Sunday - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Transfiguration Church, 25 Fr. John Sarantos Way, Lowell, MA

Oct. 1 Metropolis of Boston Clergy Laity Conference
Malotis Cultural Center (on the campus of Hellenic College)

Oct. 2 2010 National Church Music Sunday

Nov. 4-6 MBFGOCM Conference 2011
Annunciation Church
93 Locust Street, Dover, NH

Dec. 11 HC/HC Chorale / MBFGOCM Christmas Concert
Malotiis Center (on the campus of Hellenic College)
More details to follow

2012

Nov. 2-4 MBFGOCM Conference 2012
Submit your bids!

HAS YOUR PARISH SENT IN ITS 2011 MBFGOCM MEMBERSHIP FORM AND STEWARDSHIP? YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR STEWARDSHIP TODAY!

To submit information for the Mini Acoust Key:
Send to George Theodlossiou
E-mail: gtheodossaio@msn.com
Deadline Date: September 24, 2011
Adult Choir - MBFGOCM Conference 2011 Registration Form

- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY -

FIRST NAME: _________________________ LAST NAME: _________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

CITY: ____________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: ______________________

HOME/CELL PHONE: (____) ___________ EMAIL: _______________________________

PARISH NAME: __________________________ CITY/STATE: _______________________

Please circle your singing part and/or position

Soprano   Alto   Tenor   Bass   /   Choir Member   Director   Organist   Psalti

Are you a Delegate for your Parish?       Yes _____ No _____

Please note: Your parish must be a member in good standing prior to the Conference

Do you have a guest attending the Conference? Yes _____ No _____

Please fill out Guest Meal Order Form below

Banquet Meal Selection (please circle one)   Chicken Casserole Supreme   Sirloin Tips   Vegetarian

Registration:

Adult Registration Fee (all meals included)   $110.00

Guest Meal Order Form: For Non-registered participants

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Total enclosed (registration and guest meals): $_____

Please make check payable to: Annunciation Church Choir

Mail completed form with check to:
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Choir
MBFGOCM Conference Registration
93 Locust Street, Dover, New Hampshire 03820

- Early registration would be greatly appreciated in order to prepare for catered events -

The full registration package along with up-to-date Conference information is available on the Metropolis of Boston Federation Web site
www.boston.churchmusic.goarch.org
2011 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 4-6, 2011, at the Annunciation Church, Dover, NH.

Applications must be postmarked no later than September 13, 2011 and mailed to:

Sophia Argeros
8 Stage Coach Lane
Lynnfield, MA  01940
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:______________

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