Dear Fellow Church Musicians,

The Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians (SFGOCM) serves as the liaison between the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (through its musical arm, The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians) and every local parish choir, psalti, and church musician in the Metropolis of Atlanta. Our Federation requires revenue to continue our services to the parishes in this Holy Metropolis. Our revenue comes from annual stewardship collections, special trays passed on National Church Music Sunday, and donations. This revenue provides resources to strengthen adult choirs, to form and improve youth choirs and Sunday School music programs, to train choir directors and chanters, to develop congregational singing programs, and to assist in the needs of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios and hierarchs and priests in the Metropolis of Atlanta. To succeed in these endeavors, we need all parishes to either renew their stewardship contribution or join the SFGOCM membership. To participate in our annual conference, your choir must be in good standing with the Federation. **Stewardship for choirs is recommended at $100**, which covers everyone in the parish. **If your parish doesn't have a choir, an individual may become a steward and member in good standing for a recommended donation of $10.**

*How does paying my annual stewardship benefit my local parish music program?*

The answers are:

1. Members of your church music program can attend the annual SFGOCM Conference without having to pay an extra “individual members’ fee” with their registration.
2. Aspiring church musicians can apply to receive the GALLOS/ZANAKOS Music Scholarship Award.
3. Church musicians in your parish can be honored in many ways through the Years of Service awards and the Patriarch Athenagoras Metropolis Service Award.
4. By paying your annual dues, your church musicians can attend regional workshops through the National Forum’s **Church Music Institute** at little or no individual cost.

Included in this mailing is our new Stewardship Form. Please note that if a choir has paid its annual stewardship from a given parish, ALL of its members, including chanters and clergy are automatically covered for that year.

**Please mail your stewardship or email your separate list of adult choir and junior/youth choir members, giving each name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone, email address, voice part (S-A-T-B), and Years of Service to the music ministry.**

Please send the form and your stewardship to:

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Sincerely,

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