

KEYNOTES



December 2015

December 21, 2015

Dear Federation Members,

Which is to say...Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer!! The fall has flown by so my apologies for the “radio silence” of the past 2 months. This letter, I hope, will show you that things have not been stagnant and that your Federation Board has been hard at work getting the 2015/16 Ecclesiastical year off to a running start.

Before discussing details, let me say how honored I am to have been selected by you for this term. I will do my best to serve you in any way I can. Even though distances separate us, please feel free to call or email me about any matters. “My door is always open to you.”

I would like to thank the other members of the Executive Board, the Committee Chairs, and the District Supervisors for continuing to volunteer their time and talent to make the Federation a successful organization in our Metropolis.

The 2 topics I would like to discuss in this letter are:

Communication

Please check the Federation website, <http://sfgocm.goarch.org>, often in the coming weeks for the most current information about what’s going on in the SFGOCM.

You will note the Scholarship Application process has been streamlined thanks to our current and immediate past Chairmen, Chris and Dean Johns, respectively.

It is our hope to continue to make this website more interactive over the coming months and to make available to you the most recent events

happening within the musical community of our Metropolis.

We realize, the Internet is where we go for information and we will do our best to keep the website as current as possible.

Also, please be on the lookout for emails from our current list server. If you are not receiving emails from us, please let us know.

Save the Date

40th Annual SFGOCM Conference
July 28-31, 2016
St. Mark’s Greek Orthodox Church
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA
Guest Conductor, CHRIS KYPROS
Music, LITURGY OF PEACE

I am sure that after such a fantastic experience with Chris in St. Petersburg, having the opportunity to work with him again just doubles the reason to mark your calendars now!!

Much more exciting news to follow in the coming months.!!

Please stay tuned and look forward to seeing you all in person in BOCA !!

Have a Blessed Holiday Season,

Philip

G. Philip Thevaos, M.D.

President, SFGOCM



Editor’s note

I tried valiantly to get this out sooner, but had to go away from Thanksgiving for a week and

got food poisoning (no more conference room sushi for me!

Having sent requests a few weeks back to all of the district supervisors, I only got the following back from the choir in Maitland/Orlando, Florida:



At Holy Trinity in Maitland/Orlando, we are having our Catechism School Christmas Pageant on Sunday, 12/20 after the Divine Liturgy. Musically, our adult choir with 15

voices and youth choir adding 10 more voices will sing hymns and carols including "*I Yennisis Sou*" and "*Joy to the World*". Several youth choir members will perform solos on carols such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "What Child is This" as the children of our community recreate Jesus' birth in a living nativity.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Stacey

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Dues

According to the By-Laws of the Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians, you, as an individual, or your choir must be in good standing with the Federation in order to participate in the annual conference.

Annual Choir dues are \$100. Individual dues are \$10.

Please join now! Make your check payable to SFGOCM and send to:

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Delegates

Two delegates from each member choir will have voting privileges at the annual meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting during luncheon Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Future Conference Host

Would your parish like to host an upcoming conference? If so, please submit a letter from your parish asking to be considered as a possible host for a future conference. The request needs to be signed by your Priest, Parish Council President and Choir Director. It is imperative to have their support for a successful conference. Please contact:

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Metropolis of Atlanta
Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians
Patriarch Athenagoras I Award

Dear Federation Choir Members,

Our conference signals a time that has been our custom to honor those who have made significant contributions to the music ministry of our Metropolis. These members are nominated by you and selected by a committee from our Federation.

This is not a popularity contest, but should honor musicians whose contributions extend beyond their own parish and have had an impact on the Metropolis music program.

The National Forum established the Patriarch Athenagoras Award for Distinguished Metropolis Service in 1996. This is a National award, given by the National Forum and administered by the Federations.

The Federations may, at their discretion, annually select up to three church musicians from within their jurisdiction as award recipients. The recipients may be from any of the following three categories.

1. The professional musician (composer, conductor, organist, psalti, singer), living or posthumous, whose musical contributions to the Metropolis merit recognition.
2. The non-professional musician (committee chair, Federation president, project chair), living or posthumous, whose musical contributions to the Metropolis merit recognition.
3. The priest, living or posthumous, whose musical contributions to the Metropolis merit recognition.

Recipients of the St. Romanos the Melodist medallion may not subsequently receive the Patriarch Athenagoras Award.

The Nomination form is attached as well as the Biographical cover sheet. These forms need to be submitted to me by the end of June, along with the accompanying documentation of their activities. Please make sure that all information is filled in, signed by either the Choir Director or the Parish Priest, and post-marked by June 30, 2016.

Looking forward to seeing you in July!

Suzy
Suzy Balasis
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Metropolis of Atlanta
Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians
Patriarch Athenagoras I Award
NOMINATION FORM

In order to send committee members copies of the nominations to review, all nominations must be post-marked
NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2016

The nomination form must be signed by the director of the local choir **OR** the parish priest.

Nominee

Category

Parish of Nominating Choir

Phone

City/State

Zip Code

Name of Contact Person submitting nomination

Phone

Address

FAX number

City/State

Zip Code

Signature of Choir Director OR Parish Priest

Send completed material including Biographical Data Cover Sheet

1. Regional Contributions
2. Local Contributions
3. Federation Activities
4. Special Achievements / Awards / Contributions

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Suzy Balasis, Chairman**

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FOR METROPOLITAN SERVICE**

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NOMINEE'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA COVER SHEET

<hr/> Nominee	<hr/> Category
<hr/> Address	<hr/> Phone
<hr/> City/State	<hr/> Zip Code
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