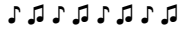


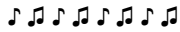


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click on <http://www.sfgocm.org/news>



Editor's Note: The 2011 Conference is starting to crank up. At the end of this Notable Notes you will find the final packet of information which is supplied by Toula Chininis.



**35th Annual Conference of the
Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and
Musicians
Spartanburg, SC
July 28-31, 2011**

The St. Nicholas Parish of Spartanburg, SC welcomes you back to where the Southeastern Federation was first organized 35 years ago through the foresight, effort and love of +Fr. George and Presvytera Anna Gallos. We look forward to honoring Presvytera Anna and invite you to join us in the celebration.

This will be a remembrance of the first conference held in Spartanburg in 1976. At that time, Presvytera Anna directed her arrangement of the Divine Liturgy and Joanna Trakas Cavalaris was one of the organists. This year we will be featuring The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom Opus II in Greek and English arranged by Presvytera Anna Gallos. Joanna Cavalaris (Charlotte, NC) will be directing the conference choir, Kay Nastopoulos (Marietta, GA) will be the guest organist and Cali Spyropoulos (Charleston, SC) will be the youth director. The conference committee is working diligently to offer you "A Conference to Remember"!

Music may be purchased directly from Presvytera Anna Gallos or from Evangeline Music Press, 1 Baratra Court #103, Timonium, MD 21093. The phone number for Evangeline Music Press is 410.308.0188. The cost of The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom Opus II in Greek and English is \$20.00, which includes shipping. Please do not deny financial reimbursement to the publisher by making copies of the music.

Strain your brain and get out the creative juices for Friday Night will be Talent Night! Everyone is invited to get together with your talented choir members to present a song, dance, skit or poem. There will be more details in the conference packet. But start planning now!

Also important to the success of the choir conference is the commemorative conference album. We are especially appreciative of all choirs who send in a choir photo and other ads their members have gathered from individuals in their community. Palm Sunday is a great time to take the choir picture! Just fill out the ad form, send it in and we'll do the rest.

We have made hotel arrangements at the Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park. It is conveniently located to the church and is in downtown Spartanburg. Our special rate is \$89.00 plus tax. Call 1-800-228-9290 or 864-596-1211 for your reservation under the

name of the Southeastern Federation Choir Conference.

Registration for adults is \$140.00 before July 1, 2011 with late registration at \$165.00. Youth registration is \$40.00 with the late registration of \$65.00. Forms are in the conference packet.

The St. Nicholas community is excited and honored to recognize the many musical contributions of Presvytera Anna Gallos. We welcome her back and look forward to hosting the 35th Annual SFGOCM Choir Conference.

See you in Spartanburg!

Toula Chininis
Conference Chairperson
2Lachininis@gmail.com
864.574.4333



Scholarship 100

Established in 1986, the +Father George and Presbyteria Anna Gallos and +Michael Zanakos Music Scholarship has made it possible for aspiring students to further their education in the field of music. For specific information, please visit the Federation website at: <http://www.sfgocm.org> or in the spring issue of the Federation newsletter, Keynotes or from:

Dean Johns, Chairman Scholarship 100
723 Neill Ridge Road
Matthews, NC 28105



Editor's note: Federation Officer Elections to be held in July, 2011

Nominations for the officers of SFGOCM for 2011-2012 are now being accepted. Elections will be held at the annual business meeting on July 30, 2011 at the choir conference in Spartanburg, S.C. Nominations will be accepted by mail up to July 23, 2011 and also at the annual business meeting,

Please submit your nominations to John Mitchell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at **813.962.0551** or by email at johnpm2@hotmail.com and provide the following information on the nominees you are submitting:

- Nominee Name, Parish, Parish City
- Previous Federation Involvement:.....
- Church Leadership Experience.....

The current 2010-2011 officers are:

President Margaret Sarafoglu of Miami, Florida, Vice President Suzy Balasis of St. Petersburg, Florida, Secretary Lucy Zapsas, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Treasurer Nick Mermigas of Charlotte, North Carolina.
John Mitchell, Immediate Past President, Chairman of the Nominating Committee



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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:

Suzy Balasis
SFGOCM Vice President
P.O. Box 47755
St. Petersburg, FL 33743
727-345-4855
frazzledlib@gmail.com

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 lunch on Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Future Conference Hosts

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 Pastor, Parish Council President and Choir Director. It is imperative to have their support for a successful conference. Please contact:

Mrs. Margaret M. Sarafoglu
SFGOCM President
6201 SW 118 Street
Miami, FL 33156
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**Metropolis of Atlanta
Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox
Choirs and Musicians
Patriarch Athenagoras I Award**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The time has come once again to consider who among your choir members should be recognized for their dedication to the Music Ministry of our Church. 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 national recognition to meritorious individuals whose contributions to the Music Ministry of the Church are worthy of distinction. The award is given as a national recognition to meritorious individuals in each metropolis whose contributions on a local, as well as a metropolis level, to the Music Ministry of the Church, are worthy of distinction. Normally this would involve being an active participant in the choir federation as an officer, committee member, conduct area music workshops, etc.

Each year at the conclusion of our choir conferences three individuals are recognized for their meritorious service. Each recipient shall have significantly contributed talents and/ or service to the development and perpetuation of the Greek Orthodox Church Choirs and Musicians of the Atlanta Metropolis.

The deadline for 2011 nominations is May 30, 2011. The nomination form and biographical data cover sheet are available in this issue of Keynotes and on the Federation web site: www.sfgocm.org. Guidelines are available on the Federation website or by request. A letter with the nomination form and biographical data cover sheet should be mailed to:

Stanley Evdemon
Athenagoras Award
9216 Estate Cove Circle
Riverview, Florida 33578
stan.evde@verizon.net

Nominations for this prestigious award should be received by our Athenagoras Award Committee no later than the deadline date in order to be considered as an eligible candidate. Late nominations will be placed on file and reviewed by the committee in 2011 for next year.

We look forward to receiving your nomination and seeing you in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the home of our first conference!

Yours in His Service,

Stanley Evdemon

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Chairman, Athenagoras Award



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NOMINATION FORM

In order to send committee members copies of the nominations to review, all nominations must be post-marked
NO LATER THAN May 30, 2011

The nomination form must be signed by the local choir director 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
Choir <u>Director</u> or Parish Priest Signature	

Send completed material including Biographical Data Cover Sheet

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

To: Stanley Evdemon
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**PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS MEDAL
FOR METROPOLITAN SERVICE**

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NOMINEE'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA COVER SHEET

Nominee

Category

Address

Phone

City/State

Zip Code

Parish

City/State



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