



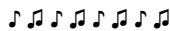
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The Electronic Newsletter of the Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians — February 2009
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In order for this monthly newsletter to reach everyone, we need your help with news articles, essays, observations or anything else of import to our Federation

New Photo and Video Feature

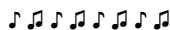
We have opened an adjunct site for photos and videos! If you have any pictures or videos, please send them on to leonk@bellsouth.net and I'll upload them onto the site. To view them, please visit it by clicking on [this link to our photo site](#). Your choir can have its own album and any special events can have their own albums. Please take full advantage of this site.



Epiphany and Theophany are celebrated in all regions of Orthodoxy, oftentimes more important than Christmas. Sometimes in swimming pools, sometimes breaking ice to dive for the Cross and always in Tarpon Springs. Other parishes in our Metropolis celebrate following February 6 so that His Eminence can join in the celebration.

The West Palm Beach Theophany celebration has been occurring for 9 or 10 years now and we encourage all choir members of all jurisdictions of Orthodoxy to join us, practice with us and pray the Divine Liturgy at St. Catherine's on the Saturday after January 6 in any given year. This year's Blessing of the Waters was fantastic, blessed with wonderful weather, over 30 choir members and well over 1,000 congregants joining Metropolitan Alexios and about 20 clergy from several jurisdictions. [Click here to see pictures!](#)

This year we have gotten very organized with a joint website for keeping current. See [the link by clicking HERE!](#) You might consider doing the same in your area!



Profiles From the Loft

I asked for and got the first of many profiles from the loft -and what a profile! This young gentleman (keep in mind, "young" is always relevant to the age of the author of this article) has an amazing musical history. Dr. David Romine is a member of the Annunciation Cathedral Choir and the Annunciation Cathedral Men's Choir. I don't know if he plays an instrument other than his gorgeous tenor voice, but if he does, he will surely be solicited for the Annunciation Cathedral Orchestra by Peter Zervakos. I will say, that in reading over his profile, it is an honor to know him.

Dave Romine began singing with the Cathedral and Men's Choirs upon moving to Atlanta in June 2008; he is a 47 year old tenor who has sung in church and school choirs since early youth. An Active Duty Lieutenant Colonel and Flight Surgeon in the Army Medical Corps who joined the Army from his Mississippi private practice

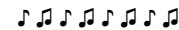
after 9-11, Dave recently returned from a tour in Iraq where he led music for various chapel services while performing his full-time duties as Brigade Surgeon for the Air Cavalry Brigade, based stateside at Fort Hood, Texas. Working 16 hour days in combat, often caring for injured Soldiers and civilians via MEDEVAC helicopters in and around Baghdad, Dave tells how working with music each week was an important means of dealing with the stress of war and



sustained exposure to injury and death. Now stationed at Fort McPherson with flight duties out of Dobbins Air Base, Dr. Romine says that, when in town, he's thankful to be able to serve with the Annunciation music community as well as to have access to the rich musical and cultural offerings around the city.

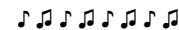
Always His Servant,

Rosemary Kromidas Hendrix,
A 61 year choir member



Sunday of Orthodoxy Coming Up!

This humble editor says that if you don't participate in a Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy service, you're missing one of the wonderful things about being both Orthodox and American. JMHO.



CMI to be held at St. Sofia in Miami on March 28, 2009

St. Sofia Cathedral in Miami is pleased to host another CMI featuring Professor Rodney Eichenberger. If you missed him in Atlanta or at any other district's CMI, here is a chance to take advantage of this amazing 8-hour seminar "for those who are directed and those who direct". See the attached brochure.

The Holiday Inn University of Miami, Use *code "SGO"*. Telephone 305-667-5611, 1350 South Dixie Highway (US1), Coral Gables, FL 33146. Their rate is \$119.00 plus 13% state and local taxes per night. We have set aside a block of 10 rooms. The cut-off date for booking is 2/28/2009. Any rooms reserved after this date will be accepted on a space available basis.

[Notable Links to Scholarship 100 and Athenagoras Awards Forms](#)

[Click here to link to the Patriarch Athenagoras Awards Forms and Guidelines PDF](#) There is also a form attached to this page as well as a letter from Stan Evdemon regarding same.

[Click here for the Scholarship 100 Application form!](#)



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**Metropolis of Atlanta
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Patriarch Athenagoras I Award**

Spring 2009

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.

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 2008 nominations is **May 29, 2009**. 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 2010.

We look forward to receiving your nomination and seeing you in Winston Salem, North Carolina!

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 29, 2009

The nomination form must be signed by the director of the local 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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NOMINEE'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA COVER SHEET

Nominee

Category

Address

Phone

City/State

Zip Code

Parish

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