



Notable Notes

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Looking forward to 2010 Conference in New Orleans

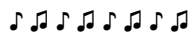
New Years President's Message-2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Christ is among us! Happy New Year and may you keep all your New Year's resolutions, if you made any. Plans for the 2010 Choir Conference are well underway. Steve Cardiasmenos is going to be the Guest Director and Elia Nichols is going to be the Guest Organist. The board will meet in February to plan the CMI and to select a Guest Youth Choir Director.

New Orleans has really come back from the damages suffered from Hurricane Katrina and you all REALLY need to come and see the progress they have made. It has always been a very exciting city and still is. As I write this, I can just taste the coffee from Café du Monde and hear the sounds of the French Quarter! Ya'll need to start making your plans to join us for the celebration of the 2010 Choir Conference in New Orleans.

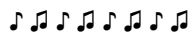
Your faithful servant in Christ,

Margaret M. Sarafoglu



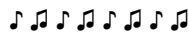
Notable Links to Scholarship 100 and Athenagoras Awards Forms

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



Editor's note

I had an unfortunate crash on my home computer and lost the last eight months of updates to the email distribution list. Please forward this to your friends and have them send their email addresses to leonk@bellsouth.net.



Federation Members Receive 2009 Archangel Michael Award

Congratulations to the musicians of our Federation who received the Archangel Michael Award presented by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios at the awards banquet in Atlanta on Saturday November 7, 2009.

The 2009 musicians were:

South Florida Conference: Virginia Barnes, Assistant Choir Director, Boca Raton, FL; Theodosios Palis, Chanter, Fort Myers, FL; Calliope

Shenas, Organist, Stuart, FL; Demetra Galazoudis, Chanter, West Palm Beach, FL.

Tampa Bay Conference: Johnny Efstathiades, Organist, Port Charlotte, FL; Olivia Christine Pedroff, Choir Member, St. Petersburg, FL; Artemis Demos Palios, Choir Director, Tampa, FL; Maria Palios Xenick, Choir Member, Tampa, FL.

North Florida Conference: David J. Purpura, Chanter, Tallahassee, FL;

Western Conference: Cathy Catsulis-Val, Choir Member past Organist, New Orleans, LA; Calliope Pagonis DeSantis, Choir Member, Biloxi, MS; Natalie Harris, Choir Member, Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

Central Conference: Angeline Andropoulos, Choir Member, Cumming, GA; Richard L. Stewart, Choir Member, Macon, GA; Betty Andris Cantrell, Choir Member, Macon, GA; George Skouters, Chanter, Peachtree City, GA; Nickey W. Velotas, Organist, Birmingham, AL; Michael H. Missios, Choir Member/Chanter, Huntsville, AL.

Coastal Conference: Mary Drake Perry, Organist, Charleston, SC; Mckenzie Alexandra Rickman, Choir Member, Columbia, SC; Dorothy Radomsky, Choir Member, Myrtle Beach, SC; Andreea Alexandra Bitere, Choir Member, Augusta, GA.

North East Conference: Laura Kotsionis Nixon, Choir Member, Charlotte, NC; Dr. Peter N. Marinos, Chanter/Choir Member, Durham, NC; Katherine Kadenas Bowman, Choir Member, Mooresville, NC; Toula Capetanos, Choir Member, Raleigh, NC; Connor K. Whitaker, Teen Choir Member, Raleigh, NC; Pantelis Miliotis, Choir Member, Wilmington, NC.



South Florida Pan Orthodox Choir to join together on January 9 at St. Catherine's in West Palm Beach for Epiphany

About a dozen years ago then-Bishop and now Metropolitan +Alexios started officiating at an East Coast celebration of the Diving for the Cross in Fort Lauderdale. The walk was about a mile to the nearest water. The following year and ever since, the celebration has been held at St. Catherine's in West Palm Beach, which is across the street from the Intracoastal Waterway.

The congregation and choir have grown in diversity. We have Orthodox and non-Orthodox Christians in the congregation and the choir is made up of musicians from every Orthodox Jurisdiction and many countries. This year we will have Cubans, Nicaraguans, Colombians and others in our Pan Orthodox Choir. In this diversity we find a unity which fortifies Orthodoxy.



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

Fall, 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. 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 2008 nominations is **April 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 2011.

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

Yours in His Service,

Stanley Evdemon

Stanley Evdemon
Chairman, Athenagoras Award

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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 APRIL 29, 2010

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

<hr/> Nominee	<hr/> Category
<hr/> Parish of Nominating Choir	<hr/> Phone
<hr/> City/State	<hr/> Zip Code
<hr/> Name of Contact Person submitting Nomination	<hr/> Phone
<hr/> Address	<hr/> FAX number
<hr/> City/State	<hr/> Zip Code
<hr/> 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
Athenagoras Award
9216 Estate Cove Circle
Riverview, Florida 33578

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Stanley Evdemon, Chairman**

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and the
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**PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS MEDAL
FOR METROPOLITAN SERVICE**

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Patriarch Athenagoras I Award**

NOMINEE'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA COVER SHEET

Nominee

Category

Address

Phone

City/State

Zip Code

Parish

City/State



St. Romanos the Melodist

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Membership renewal time for the Southeast Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians (SFGOCM) is here again. Your membership helps support our annual Federation choir conference and other events that enhance the spiritual journey of your choir members.

Annual dues for 2010 are **\$100 for choirs** and a **minimum of \$10 for individuals**. If your choir is an active member of the SFGOCM, you do not need an individual membership. Individual memberships are for those who do not belong to a member choir, but wish to be involved and updated on Federation happenings.

This year our annual conference will be held in **New Orleans, LA** on **June 25-27, 2010**. Your executive board will be meeting soon to finalize plans. Guest conductors will be announced in Keynotes. Be sure to mark your calendar and make plans to attend this exciting conference. In order to participate in the annual conference, you or your choir must have paid the current dues.

In order to better serve you, the federation board has compiled the enclosed survey. Please submit your completed survey and dues with a **check payable to SFGOCM** by December 31, 2009, and mail to me at:

Suzy Balasis
SFGOCM Vice President
PO Box 47755
St. Petersburg, FL 33743

Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

In His Service,

Suzy Balasis

cc: Executive Board