We’re just about 6 weeks away from the 2015 Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida, everyone’s favorite Liturgy of Peace, to be directed by Christopher Kypros. If you’re planning to come for Thursday’s CMI, you’re in for a treat: we will do excerpts from Chris’ new liturgy, the “Liturgy of Hope”.

If you haven’t been to St. Petersburg in a while or not ever, it is a great city full of wonderful cultural venues. The biggest city in Florida which is not a county seat, it boasts world-class art museums (including the largest collection of Salvador Dali in the world), great outdoor sports, restaurants downtown and along Central Avenue and myriad other things to do. See below for a more extensive list.

Take Chris’ lead and wear your favorite tropical shirts because it gets quite serenely warm in St. Pete in July.

A quick reminder that below is a form asking that you forward a photo and roster of your choir along with a $100 fee to be included in the commemorative album as well as a form to order a recording of the liturgy.

Important notice regarding your hotel reservation:

As St. Pete is a resort town, hotel prices are at a premium. St. Stefanos has prepaid a block of rooms at two hotels, so we have to pay the church directly. This saves you a chunk of change in taxes, which, of course, the hotels will get for their garage fees. See page 7 for all the information you’ll need.

In order to receive Group Rates, please register by June 23, 2015.

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Dear Choir Friends,

Greetings in Christ! I hope you and your families celebrated a blessed Pascha and that you are now ready to start thinking about our 39th Annual Choir Conference to be held at St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, on July 23-26, 2015. We will be singing Chris Kypros’ arrangement of the Divine Liturgy, the Liturgy of Peace, with Chris conducting. The Guest Organist
will be Elia Nicholas of Raleigh, North Carolina, and the Youth Director will be Celeste Alexander of Atlanta, Georgia. His Eminence, Metropolitan Alexios, will be unable to join us this year but He is sending His representative, His Grace, Bishop Demetrios of Xanthos, who will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us.

This is the sixth time our Federation is singing this arrangement and it holds a special significance at St. Stefanos. Pedro Trakas, of blessed memory, who used to be the long-time choir director there, loved this composition and was instrumental in introducing it to many other choir directors in our Federation. It is very appropriate to sing it this year as we bring the conference back to St. Stefanos for the first time since they hosted us in 1979! Another connection to this liturgical arrangement lies with Dr. Steve Aliapoulis, who passed away two summers ago. The first time the SFGOCM ever sang the Liturgy of Peace, we were hosted by St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in West Palm Beach, Florida. Steve was the choir director there for many years. But enough looking back! Looking ahead to the conference weekend and beyond, Chris Kypros will be introducing us to some hymns from his NEW arrangement, the Liturgy of Hope!!

The host community has been working hard all year, especially Co-Chairs John Arambages and Dr. Maria Gregory, to ensure that our event is enjoyable, that it is flawlessly executed, and that it highlights some of the best that St. Pete has to offer. (Boy, my hometown has really changed since I moved away in 1999!) The deadlines are fast approaching for registration, hotel reservations (made directly through the church, not through the hotel), and placing choir photos or advertisements in the commemorative album. For your convenience, the entire conference packet is included in this issue of Keynotes.

On Thursday, July 23, the day before the official start of the conference, we will hold our Church Music Institute (CMI) workshops. These sessions are always informative and well-received. Our Vice-President, Dr. Philip Thevaos, is finalizing the schedule and I will send out the informational flyer via our Listserv as soon as it is completed. I hope you are able to attend the CMI as well as the conference.

To date, we have received one bid to host our 40th Annual Choir Conference in 2016 – Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Any community interested in hosting must submit a letter of request, signed by the Parish Council President, the Priest and the Choir Director, outlining what your community has to offer. I will continue to accept bids up until the annual meeting of the membership, tentatively scheduled for lunchtime on Friday, July 24. If more than one parish submits a bid, it will be voted on at that time.

I hope to see many of you in St. Petersburg!

In His service,
Lucy Pappadakes
SFGOCM President
Home phone: 704-827-2684
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Email address – lucy_38@hotmail.com
Alternate email – luczaps@gmail.com
Oh, my goodness!

One choir out of the entire Federation actually submitted something for inclusion:
The St. Catherine Choir from West Palm Beach has a couple of calendar items which might interest you:
One is that on July 12, they will be sing George Raptis’ rendition of the liturgy *in memoriam* of his passing this week. We chanted that minor liturgy twice in conference and once in Tarpon Springs for His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

**ALSO**

On Saturday, June 20, at 10:00 a.m., WPB will be holding an area rehearsal for our upcoming conference in St. Pete. There will be light refreshments.

Please let Eirene Werts or Leon Karahalis know if you intend to attend either of these events.

We would like to make a correction from the Fall 1988 issue of Keynotes that should have read: George Jacovides received recognition from the National Forum for his Years of Service as choir director of Holy Cross/Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Huntsville, Alabama (another person’s name was mistakenly listed in that issue of KEYNOTES). Our thanks go to George for the many years he has given to his Church and for his great contributions to church music.
39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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Appreciating the Past; Anticipating the Future

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JULY 23-26, 2015

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Music & Musicians

The Liturgy of Peace
by Christopher Kypros

Books are $20 each, plus shipping and handling
Go to www.kyprosliturgies.com

Guest Conductor: Mr. Christopher Kypros
pherky@cox.net

Youth Conductor: Ms. Celeste Alexander
calexander@cobbpediatric.com

Organist: Mr. Elia Nicholas
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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:

- John P. Mitchell
  - SFGOCM Treasurer
  - 13914 Pepperrell Drive
  - Tampa, FL 33624-7373

For questions regarding membership, please contact:

- Philip Thevaos, SFGOCM Vice President
  - Voice: 704-843-3266
  - Email: yellowjacketgt@aol.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 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:

- Lucy Pappadakes, SFGOCM President
  - 136 Hickory Nut Lane
  - Mount Holly, NC 28120-9580
  - Phone: 704-827-2684 (home)
  - 704-813-7129 (cell)
  - Email: lucy_38@hotmail.com OR luczaps@gmail.com
REGISTRATION, DEADLINES & FEES

Registration and Deadlines

- Conference Registration Deadline to avoid a late fee is Friday, June 23, 2015.
- Hotel Reservation Deadline at negotiated Group Rates is Friday, June 23, 2015.
- Church Music Institute (CMI) Check-In is Thursday, July 23, 12:00-1:00pm at hotel.
- Hospitality & Early Conference Check-In is Thursday, July 23, 4:00-10:00pm at hotel.
- Conference Check-In at St. Stefanos Church is Friday, July 24, 7:30-8:30 am.

Fees

- **Adults**
  The 2015 conference registration fee covers all choir refreshment breaks, Friday breakfast and lunch, Friday evening Event at the Dali Museum, Saturday breakfast and lunch, Saturday Grand Banquet, Sunday Farewell Lunch and a tote bag.
  - $160  Postmarked no later than June 23, 2015
  - $185  Postmarked after June 23, 2015 (includes a $25 late

- **Teens (8th-12th Grades)**
  The 2015 conference registration fee covers all meals & activities (Friday-Sunday)
  - $100  Postmarked no later than June 23, 2015
  - $125  Postmarked after June 23, 2015 (includes a $25 late

- **Youth (2nd-7th Grades)**
  The 2015 conference registration fee covers all meals & activities (Friday-Sunday)
  - $65  Postmarked no later than June 23, 2015
  - $90  Postmarked after June 23, 2015 (includes a $25 late

- **Guest Meal Tickets**
  Meal tickets are available for all adults and children who are not registered participants in the conference. See attached form for meal order pricing information.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE

- Payment must accompany each registration form.
- Each attendee must complete the proper forms (Adult, Youth/Teen, Guest)
- Please make check payable to SFGOCM Conference 2015 and mail with forms to:
  
  Choir Conference 2015
  St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church
  3600 76th Street N.
  St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Refund Policy:  The host city plans appropriately for conference expenses according to the number of preregistered attendees (i.e., meals, entertainment, hotel, etc.). Refunds will be made only in the event of a major illness or death of the registrant or an immediate family member, and only after the completion of the conference.
Hotel Information

Hotels

Arrangements have been made with the Renaissance Vinoy and the Hampton Inn Downtown to accommodate conference attendees at negotiated rates. The hotels are conveniently located on Beach Drive 5 blocks apart in beautiful Downtown St. Petersburg, blocks from the CMI and the Dali event, and are only 15 minutes from St. Stefanos Church. Buses will be available if needed.

Renaissance Vinoy Resort
501 5th Avenue NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727)894-1000

Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown
80 Beach Drive NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 892-9900

Group Rate

- One Bedroom, Renaissance Vinoy $169 /night
- One Bedroom, Hampton Inn $139 /night

Registration

In order to save you the 12% tax, St. Stefanos will be purchasing the room block. Please fill out the form below and send a separate check for accommodations. Please see the special information below.

General Information

- In order to receive Group Rates, please register by June 23, 2015.
- Group Rate will be honored from Tuesday 7/21 through Monday 7/27, based on availability.
- Hotels have a parking garage for all guests from SFGOCM at a rate of $10/day self-park at the Vinoy. Valet parking is available for $15/day at the Vinoy and $14/day at the Hampton Inn.
- Full complimentary breakfast buffet will be served each morning at the Hampton Inn for all Hampton Inn guests and choir conference registrants staying at the Vinoy. Non-registrants (singers’ guests) staying at the Vinoy may purchase breakfast for $5. Continental breakfast will also be available at the church Friday and Saturday.
- Cancellations must be received 24 hours prior to date of arrival to avoid charges.
- The Vinoy has waived their resort fee for our group.

**********************************************************************************
Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
Number in party: ____________________
Type of room (please circle preference): 2 Queen beds 1 King bed
Check-in day and date (example: Thursday 7/23):

Check-out day and date (example: Sunday 7/26):

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IMPORTANT - Please **circle** desired hotel below and complete applicable calculation.

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**Directions**

**Directions to the Vinoy/Hampton Inn Downtown:**

From Tampa: Take I-275S into St. Petersburg, then merge onto I-375 E (exit 23A) on the LEFT. I-375E becomes 4th Avenue N. Continue into downtown. 4th Avenue N will end on Beach Drive.

For the Vinoy, turn left on Beach Drive, then immediate right on 5th Avenue NE. Vinoy will be the pink building on your left after you turn.

For the Hampton Inn, turn right on Beach Drive, go to 1st Avenue N and turn right and then immediately left into the Hampton Inn parking area.

From the South/Sarasota: Take I-75 to I-275N across the Sunshine skyway bridge. Take Exit 23 (the Pier/I-375) toward downtown. I-375 turns into 4th Avenue N. See directions above.

**Directions from Hotels to Church:**

From the Vinoy, take 5th Avenue NE into town, staying in the middle lane to continue straight. Turn right on Tyrone Blvd, just after 58th Street N light. Continue on Tyrone past the mall, then right on 38th Avenue N. Stay in right lane and turn right on 76th Street (first street on the right). Church will be on your right on the next block.

From the Hampton Inn, take 1st Avenue N into town. Turn right on 58th Street N, then left on 5th Avenue N (1st light). Stay right to turn right on Tyrone Blvd (next light). Go past the mall, then turn right on 38th Avenue N, then first right on 76th Street N. Church will be on your right on the next block.

**Directions directly to Church:**

From the North: Come down US 19, exiting on 66th Street exit and continue south. Turn right on 38th Avenue N and then left on 76th Street N. Alternatively, take 49th Street or I-275S, turning right on 38th Avenue N, then left on 76th Street N.

From the South: Take I-75 to I-275N across the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. Exit at 38th Avenue N and turn left (west). Continue across town and turn left on 76th Street N.

From Tampa: Take I-275 across the Howard Franklin Bridge into St. Petersburg. Exit at the 38th Avenue North exit and go right (west). Cross town until you reach 76th Street and turn left. Church will be on the right on the next block. If you hit Tyrone Blvd, you have gone too far.
We plan to provide transportation to and from the hotel if needed. Please let the host committee know if you need a ride.
Adult Registration Form—SFGOCM Conference 2015

Name:___________________________________________________________________________

Address:__________________________________________________________________________

City/State/ZIP:_____________________________________________________________________

Phone:____________________________________________________________________________

Email:____________________________________________________________________________

Parish Name and City:________________________________________________________________

Preferred Name on Badge:____________________________________________________________

Are you a choir delegate for your parish?                  Yes                   No

Please circle your singing part:             Soprano                Alto                Tenor                 Bass

Date and Time of Arrival:____________________________________________________________

Hotel:
If arriving on Thursday, July 23, will you be attending the CMI?                   Yes                    No

Please note: Dinner on Thursday is not included in the registration fee.

Food Allergies: I will need a ride from the hotel to the church and other events.        Yes       No

Conference Registration:  (Please circle applicable registration fee based on mailing date.)

Adult Registration Fee postmarked no later than June 23, 2015 $160

Adult Registration Fee postmarked after June 23, 2015 (includes a $25 late fee) $185

Guest Meals:
Meal tickets may be purchased for guests who are not registered participants in the Choir Conference. Please indicate the number of tickets desired on the appropriate lines below.

Friday Breakfast (Vinoy guests only) ______________________ x $5 =$___________

Friday Lunch: ______________________ x $10 =$___________

Friday at the DALI (Adults): ______________________ x $40 =$___________

Friday at the DALI (ages 5-12): ______________________ x $20 =$___________

Saturday Breakfast (Vinoy guests only): ______________________ x $5 =$___________
Saturday Lunch: ______________________ x $10 =$___________
Saturday Dinner (Adults): ______________________ x $40 =$___________
Saturday Dinner (child): ______________________ x $20 =$___________
Sunday Farewell Luncheon (Adults): ______________________ x $10 =$___________
Sunday Farewell Luncheon (ages 5-12): ______________________ x $10 =$___________
Grand Total (registration and guest meals): =$___________

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**Early Registration would be greatly appreciated in order to plan catered events.**
Youth/Teen Registration Form

39th Annual Choir Conference of the SFGOCM, July 23-26, 2015

St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church, St. Petersburg, FL

Teen registrants may choose to participate with (circle one): Youth or Adult Choir

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ______________________________

Parent or Guardian ____________________________________________________________

Two contact numbers for this weekend __________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip __________________________________________________________________

Home Phone __________ E-mail ___________________________________________________

Parish Name and City __________________________________________________________

Age ______________ Grade in School _________

Hotel: _______________________________________________________________________

Do you sing in your youth choir? Yes No
Do you sing in your church teen choir? Yes No
Do you have a parent attending the Conference? Yes No
Is your parent(s) interested in assisting or chaperoning? Yes No

List any food allergies _________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

Parent Signature ____________________________ Date _____________________________

Fees for Teens (8th – 12th grades)

$100 postmarked no later than June 23, 2015
$125 postmarked after June 23, 2015 (includes a $25 late fee)

Fees for Youth (2nd – 7th grades)

$65 postmarked no later than June 23, 2015
$90 postmarked after June 23, 2015 (includes a $25 late fee)

Please see "Conference Registration, Deadline & Fees” regarding payment and refund policy.
Please see “Federation Information: DUES” on Page 2.
Please complete the Youth/Teen Release Form on the following page.

The Scholarship 100 Fund has subsidized this registration allowing for this reduced rate per youth participant.
Youth/Teen Release Form

39th Annual Choir Conference of the SFGOCM, July 23-26, 2015
St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church, St. Petersburg, FL

I hereby give permission for my child/children (please print)

______________________________
(name)

Yes, I give permission to SFGOCM and the National Forum to use my/child’s/children’s picture if it is needed for SFGOCM/National Forum educational materials, their websites, their Facebook pages, and any other Orthodox materials deemed appropriate. (Please initial in box and print full name.)

Signature of Parent or Guardian __________________________ Date________________

Parent Name___________________________________________

Home Phone ___________________ Cell phone ____________________

Insurance Company_________________________ Phone Number

Insurance Policy Number __________________________

Home Parish___________________________________________

City____________________ State________________________

Child/Children, Date of Birth (in order as listed)

________________________________________________________________________

Please return this completed form along with your Youth/Teen Registration Form. This Form must be received before your child may participate in any activities.

Make checks payable to SFGOCM Conference 2015 and mail with form to:

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# SFGOCM 2015 Tentative Conference Schedule

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# SFGOCM 2015 Tentative Youth Conference Schedule

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<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>Dali museum</td>
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<td>Heavy hors d'oeuvres reception/tours (optional for kids)</td>
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<td>Bag Lunch and field trip to</td>
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<td>Rehearsal with Youth choir</td>
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Commemorative Album

Choir Picture

Please forward a photo and roster of your choir along with a $100 fee to be included in the commemorative album.

The deadline to be included in the album is July 1, 2015.

We prefer camera-ready artwork. Please send your photo by email in Word, JPEG or PDF. If you cannot email your choir photo, please type your roster on a separate sheet of paper and include it with your choir picture (no staples, please!), this completed form and your payment. Original photos will not be returned. Let's have 100% participation from all of our choirs!

Make checks payable to SFGOCM Choir Conference 2015 and mail to:

Choir Conference 2015
St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church
3600 76th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

The undersigned agrees to pay the sum of $100 for each choir picture. Please include a listing of who is shown in the photo.

Signature ____________________________ PrintedName ____________________________

Parish Name ____________________________ City ____________________________
Date________________ Name of Business Patron_______________________

Address__________________________________________________________________

City/State/zip code________________________________________________________

Phone(______)_________ - __________________

The undersigned agrees to pay the sum of $________ for a____________ ad size (see Sponsor Levels and Rate Schedule below) in the 2015 SFGOCM Commemorative Album, subject to the terms of this contract.

Signature__________________________________________ Printed Name____________________

Rate Schedule:
Back Cover Outside $500 Full Page $200
Front Cover Inside $500 Half Page $100
Back Cover Inside $500 Quarter Page $ 50

Eighth Page(Business Card) $ 35
Friends $ 20

1) If placing a business ad, or personal patron ad, please enclose black and white camera-ready artwork (or a business card). Do not staple. (We prefer camera-ready artwork). Please send by e-mail in Word, JPEG or PDF file format to:

office@ststefanos.org

2) If camera-ready artwork cannot be furnished, the ad will be set in type specified by the Album Committee. Please type your information or message on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form along with your payment.

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Choir Conference 2015
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Deadline for all advertisements & choir photos is July 1, 2015

The Commemorative Album for 2015 will be a keepsake album of Choir pictures and supportive friends. We encourage all choirs to participate by sending a picture & roster. Friends & family can send encouragement with a patron ad.
CD Order Form

A professional recording of the Divine Liturgy will be made on Saturday and Sunday of the conference. The cost of the CD will be $15, including shipping. Please provide your mailing information below.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________

City/State/ZIP: __________________________________________________________

Number of CDs: ______________

Payment can be made during the conference or you can order CDs in advance by making your check payable to SFGOCM Conference 2015 and mailing it back with this form to:

Choir Conference 2015
St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church
3600 76th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Stewardship
Mrs. Donna Aliapoulios
8157 Pine Tree Lane
Lake Clarke Shores, FL 33406
Phone: 561-586-8157
FAX: 561-586-9270
E-mail: SteveDonna@comcast.net

Treasurer
Ms. Hope Demitry
95 Beechwood Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08618
Phone: 609-695-4033
E-mail: EHopeD@verizon.net

Liturgical Guidebook
Mr. Peter N. Vatsures
68 W. Cooke Road
Columbus, OH 43214
Phone: 614-263-1343 (10 am to 3 pm)
614-442-1109 (7:30 pm to 10 pm)
E-mail: vatspnv@hotmail.com

Byzantine Music Projects
Dr. Angelo Lampousis
c/o Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
10 Mill Road
New Rochelle, NY 10804
Phone: 914-235-6100
E-mail: angelos_lampousis@axionestin.org

Dr. Nicolas Maragos
3625 Lakeview Court NE
Rochester, MN 55906
Phone: 507-288-3379
FAX: 507-284-8855
E-mail: maragos.nicolas@mayo.edu

Youth Initiatives
Ms. Denise Karris
1035 Bluefield Drive
Florissant, MO 63033
Phone: 314-830-3522
E-mail: DKarras916@aol.com

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Cohasset, MA 02025
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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 JUNE 30, 2015

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

TO: Suzy Balasis
Athenagoras Award
PO Box 47755
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-7755
Dear Federation Choir Members,

Just a few more weeks until we gather in St. Petersburg for our annual Federation Choir Conference. At this time, it 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, 2015.

Looking forward to seeing you in July!

Suzy
Suzy Balasis
Athenagoras Award
PO Box 47755
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-7755
PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS MEDAL
FOR METROPOLITAN SERVICE

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

NOMINEE’S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA COVER SHEET

Nominee Category

Address Phone

City/State Zip Code

Parish City/State
Metropolis of Atlanta  
Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians  
Patriarch Athenagoras I Award  
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**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

**TO:**  
Suzy Balasis  
Athenagoras Award  
PO Box 47755  
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-7755
Dear Fellow Church Musicians,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

As was discussed in our annual General Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, the Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians (SFGOCM) will be initiating some new programs to increase its music ministry to our Holy Metropolis of Atlanta. To be successful in these endeavors, we need for all parishes to either continue or please renew their SFGOCM membership. Annual dues consist of a minimum stewardship of $100. The first question every person should ask is:

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

The answers are:

1. It makes your church music program part of our greater musical family at the Metropolis and Archdiocesan levels.
2. Members of your church music program can attend the annual SFGOCM Conference without having to pay an extra “individual members' fee” with their registration.
3. You receive published copies of KEYNOTES—the official bulletin of the SFGOCM.
4. Aspiring church musicians can apply to receive financial aid through the GALLOS/ZANAKOS Music Scholarship Award.
5. Church musicians in your parish can be honored in many ways through the Years of Service awards and the Patriarch Athenagoras Metropolis Service Award.
6. 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 it’s members are automatically covered for that year. Individual clergy, chanters or parishioners do NOT need to pay individual stewardship for that year.

Please send the form and your stewardship to:

John P. Mitchell, SFGOCM Treasurer  
13914 Pepperrell Dr.  
Tampa, FL 33624

Best wishes to you and your families for a fun and safe summer!

Sincerely,

G. Philip Thevaos, M.D.

Vice-President  
Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians
Southeastern Federation of
Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians

2015 STEWARDSHIP FORM

We encourage each choir or church musician in a parish to become a steward of the Federation. This includes clergy, choir directors and choir members, chanters, music educators, religious education teachers and interested others. We welcome yearly stewardships from choirs, chanters, or individuals interested in maintaining an independent membership. THANK YOU!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY in INK

I.) Select Category of Membership:
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CHURCH SPONSORED ORGANIZATION
(Suggested minimum contribution to maintain SFGOCM ministries: $100.00)

Church Choir
Chant Group
Other: ________________________________

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
(Suggested minimum contribution to maintain SFGOCM ministries: $10.00)

Print Name
Choir Director
Psalter/Chantar
Choir Member
Clergy
Organist
Other: _______
Organist/Director
Jr. Choir Director

II.) Contact Information
Name of Home Parish: ________________________________ Metropolis of: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City: ______________ State: ______________ Zip: ______________

Parish Phone: (_____) __________ Home Phone: (_____) __________ Cell: (_____) __________

E-mail: __________________________ Fax: (_____) __________

AMOUNT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS YEAR: $ __________________

May we include your name in our: Membership Directory? Yes No
Federation email list? Yes No

Your Signature: __________________________ Date: ______________

Mail this form and a check payable to: Questions phone: 813-962-0551
SFGOCM Stewardship
John P. Mitchell, Treasurer
13914 Pepperrell Drive
Tampa, FL 33624

For SFGOCM Use Only
Amt. Rec’d: ____________
Date Rec’d: ____________
Check #: ____________