

KEYNOTES



June 2015

2015 Conference Edition

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.**



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 Aliapoulios, 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 1991!) 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

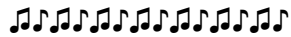
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Oh, my goodness!

One choir out of the entire Federation actually submitted something for inclusion:

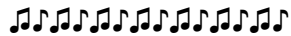
The St. Catherine Choir from West Palm Beach has a couple of calendar items which might interest you:

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
OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHOIRS AND MUSICIANS

Appreciating the Past; Anticipating the Future

HOSTED BY
ST. STEFANOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
JULY 23-26, 2015

Host Parish Information

St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church
3600 76th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Phone: (727) 345-8235
Fax: (727) 345-8286
Rev. Fr. Soterios Rousakis
Deacon John Pantelis
website: www.ststefanos.org
email: office@ststefanos.org

For Information or Questions, Contact:

www.ststefanos.org or
Maria Gregory, Co-Chair
Phone: (727)504-3172
Email: mmgregory@tampabay.rr.com

Music & Musicians

The Liturgy of Peace
by Christopher Kypros

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

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

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calexander@cobbpediatric.com

Organist: Mr. Elia Nicholas
ejnicholas@frontier.com

Federation Information

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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, FL33624-7373

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): _____

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

	Number of nights		Rate per night		Total room cost
Vinoy	_____	X	\$169	=	_____
Hampton Inn	_____	X	\$139	=	_____

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

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

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: _____

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Address: _____

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City/State/ZIP: _____

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Phone: _____

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Email: _____

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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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 St. Petersburg, FL 33710

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)

to participate in the Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians (SFGOCM) Conference to be held at St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church of St. Petersburg, FL, on July 23-26, 2015, and hereby release SFGOCM and St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church and its agents from any liability for any accident or injury that may occur during the course of said event, including travel to and from activities that are held at locations other than the property of St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church, St. Petersburg, FL. I hereby authorize any medical treatment for my child in the case of accident or illness. Further, my child understands that he/she must abide by all rules of the event. I also accept full responsibility for charges resulting from any damage caused by my child.

_____ (name) Yes, I give permission to SFGOCM and the National Forum to use my/my child's/my 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 Conference2015 and mail with form to:

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St. Petersburg, FL 33710

SFGOCM 2015 Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, July 23, 2015

12 noon-5pm	CMI: Church Music Institute (includes lunch)	Hampton Inn Downtown
4pm-10pm	Hospitality and Registration	Lobbies of the Hampton / Vinoy
6pm-7pm	CMI Catered Dinner	Hampton Inn
7pm-9pm	Brief Welcome and Rehearsal time	Hampton Inn meeting room

Friday, July 24, 2015

6:30am-8am	Breakfast and Registration	Hampton Inn
8am	Buses to St. Stefanos leaving from	Hampton Inn
7:30-8:30am	Registration	St. Stefanos hall
8:30	Welcome/Opening Prayer/Announcements	St. Stefanos church
8:45-10:30am	Rehearsal	St. Stefanos church
10:30-10:45	Break	St. Stefanos hall
10:45-12	Rehearsal	St. Stefanos church
12noon-1pm	Lunch	St. Stefanos hall
12noon- 1pm-3pm	Federation Meeting Rehearsal	St. Stefanos education building St. Stefanos church
3pm-3:30pm	Break	St. Stefanos hall
3:30pm-5pm	Rehearsal	St. Stefanos church
5pm	Buses back to downtown from	St. Stefanos church
6:30-9:30pm	Cocktail/dinner reception/tours/musical guests	Dali museum

Saturday, July 25, 2015

6:30-8am	Breakfast	Hampton Inn
8am	Buses to St. Stefanos leaving from	Hampton Inn
8:30-10am	Rehearsal	St. Stefanos church
10-10:15am	Break	St. Stefanos hall
10:15-12noon	Rehearsal	St. Stefanos church
12noon-1pm	Lunch	St. Stefanos hall
12noon- 1pm-2:30pm	Federation meeting if needed Rehearsal	St. Stefanos education building St. Stefanos church
2:30-2:45pm	Break	St. Stefanos hall
2:45-3:45pm	Rehearsal with Youth choir	St. Stefanos church and loft
3:45-4:30pm	Final Rehearsal	St. Stefanos church
4:30-5:30pm	Great Vespers	St. Stefanos church
4:30-5:30pm	Buses back to downtown leaving from	St. Stefanos church
6:30-7pm	Buses to St. Stefanos leaving from	Hampton Inn
7pm-11pm	Old Florida Grand Banquet	St. Stefanos Hall
10-11:30pm	Buses returning to	Hampton Inn/Vinoy

Sunday, July 26, 2015

8:30am	Buses leaving to St. Stefanos from	Hampton Inn
9am-9:30	Warm up	St. Stefanos hall
9:30-9:40	Proceed to sanctuary	St. Stefanos church
9:45am-11:45	Doxology/Liturgy	St. Stefanos church
11:45am	Photos	St. Stefanos church
12:00noon	Lunch and Farewell remarks	St. Stefanos hall

SFGOCM 2015 Tentative Youth Conference Schedule

Thursday, July 23, 2015

4pm-10pm

Hospitality and Registration

Hampton Inn / Vinoy

Friday, July 24, 2015

6:30am-8am

Breakfast and Registration

Hampton Inn

8am

Buses to St. Stefanos leaving from

Hampton Inn

8:30am

Ice breakers and Rehearsal

St. Stefanos Education bldg

10am-10:30am

Break

St. Stefanos hall

10:30am-12

Rehearsal

12noon-1pm

Lunch

St. Stefanos hall

1pm-5pm

Field trip to

Clearwater Marine Aquarium

5pm

Buses back to downtown from

St. Stefanos church

6:30-9:30pm

Heavy hors d' oeuvres

Dali museum

reception/tours

(optional for kids)

Saturday, July 25, 2015

6:30-8am

Breakfast

Hampton Inn

8am

Buses to St. Stefanos leaving from

Hampton Inn

8:30am-10am

Rehearsal

St. Stefanos education bldg

10am-10:30am

Break

St. Stefanos hall

10:30-12noon

Rehearsal

St. Stefanos education bldg

12noon-2:30pm

Bag Lunch and field trip to

Great Explorations Museum

2:45-3:45pm

Rehearsal with Youth choir

St. Stefanos church loft

3:45-4:30pm

Final Rehearsal

St. Stefanos church

4:30-5:30pm

Great Vespers

St. Stefanos church

4:30 and 5:30p

Buses back to downtown leaving
from

St. Stefanos church

6:00-7pm

Buses leaving Hampton Inn to

St. Stefanos hall

6:30-11pm

Old Florida Grand Banquet Event
(Dinner will be served at 7pm)

St. Stefanos hall

8-11:30pm

Buses back to downtown from

St. Stefanos hall

Sunday, July 26, 2015

8:30am

Buses leaving to St. Stefanos from

Hampton Inn

9am-9:30

Warm up

St. Stefanos education building

9:30-9:40

Proceed to sanctuary

St. Stefanos church loft

9:45am-11:45

Doxology/Liturgy

St. Stefanos church loft

11:45am

Photos

St. Stefanos church

12:00noon

Lunch and Farewell remarks

St. Stefanos hall

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 _____



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

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.

Make checks payable to SFGOCM Conference 2015 and mail with SIGNED CONTRACT to:

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

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

National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians Directory

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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

Metropolis of Atlanta
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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
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And the
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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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_____ **Phone**

_____ **City/State**

_____ **Zip Code**

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_____ **Phone**

_____ **Address**

_____ **FAX number**

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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 its 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:

Please note that if a choir has paid its annual stewardship from a given parish, ALL of its parishioners are automatically covered for that year. Individual clergy, chanters or parishioners do NOT need to pay individual stewardship for that year.

<p>CHURCH SPONSORED ORGANIZATION</p> <p><i>(Suggested minimum contribution to maintain SFGOCM ministries: \$100.00)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chant Group</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>	<u>OR</u>	<p>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><i>(Suggested minimum contribution to maintain SFGOCM ministries: \$10.00)</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Print Name</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Choir Director <input type="checkbox"/> Psalter/Chanter</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Choir Member <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Organist <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Organist/Director</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Choir Director</p>
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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
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For SFGOCM Use Only

Amt. Rec'd: _____

Date Rec'd: _____

Check #: _____