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.

Conference 2009 dates official!!

We are set. Our dates are Fri, Sat and Sun July 24-26, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Fr Demetri Kangelaris has shown great energy and enthusiasm for the event. Lest rumors get crazy, the unparalleled team of Chris Kypros, who will be conducting the Liturgy of Peace, and Elia Nichols, who will, in his words, “honored to be” organist. Chris is working to include English elements into his version of our beloved liturgy. It is going to be a great conference! Choir Directors all need to let Father Demetri know if your choir will be represented. Please everyone email him (kangelaris@hotmail.com) or Scott Marshall (scottmarshall@remax.net).

Sunday of Orthodoxy Coming Up!

This humble editor says that if you don’t participate in a Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodox service, you’re missing one of the wonderful things about being both Orthodox and American. JMHO. This year, the Orthodox priests in South Florida got together and decided to make a mini-retreat out of it on the First Saturday of Lent. There will be speakers, vespers service chanted by a mixed choir from all available branches of Eastern Orthodoxy. For the first year, it will be all in English in order to better accommodate our other Orthodox brethren and maybe even give us American-born Orthodox a new look at the richness of our own faith.

CMI to be held at St. Sophia 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. Please register soon so that we can be prepared. We know that over 20 people are coming, yet we only have 2 confirmations.

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

Notable Notes 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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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](http://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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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 Director 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

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