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Musicians from Metropolis of Atlanta presented Archangel Michael Award by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios on November 11, 2006

- South Florida Conference:** George C. Nichols, Chanter, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Nikki Alexiou, Choir Organist, Miami, FL; Steve Aliapoulios, Choir Director, West Palm Beach, FL;
- Tampa Bay Conference:** Thelma Maragos, Choir Member, St. Petersburg, FL; Demetre Mott, Chanter, Tarpon Springs, FL;
- North Florida Conference:** Leonidas Polopolus, Choir Director, Gainesville, FL; Chris Burdette, Chanter in training, Orlando, FL; Mike Theodosion, Choir Director, St. Augustine, FL; Athena Landry, Youth Choir, Tallahassee, FL; Rose Karagan, Choir Director, Mobile, AL; Maria Patselikos, Youth Choir, New Orleans, LA; Harry Booros, Choir Director, Pensacola, FL;
- Western Conference:** Marlen Kime, Choir Member, Huntsville, AL; Georgia Pappanastos, Choir Director, Montgomery, AL;
- Central Conference:** Alexandra Parashos, Choir Member, Florence, SC; Poulia Giannopoulos, Choir Member, Greenville, SC;
- Coastal Conference:** Dena Paliouras, Choir Member, Durham, NC; Ian "Seraphim" Jewell, Chanter, Durham, NC; Toula Chininis, Choir Member, Greensboro, NC; Andrew Karres, Choir Member, Mooresville, NC; Thomas Fernandez, Chanter, Wilmington, NC.

Seasonal Events

Editors Note: 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 January 6 so that His Eminence can join in the celebration. Please contact your local parish for details about a celebration close to home if you cannot attend the Tarpon Springs or West Palm Beach celebrations. [The West Palm Beach 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 which this year will be January 13, under the musical direction of Jackson King of St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Coral Gables, Florida. Please contact him at (305) 342-7683 or Leon Karahalis at leonk@bellsouth.net. This year, as last year, we will be doing mostly Kevin Lawrence. We welcome you to South Florida's greater Orthodox Community.



Did you know —

That in the back of the weekly choir directors' book which indicates the order of service and tone of the week is a reference to the accessibility of recordings of the liturgies that we regularly sing, but with each individual part brought out. *In other words, and for example only, if you happen to have a singer who sings the soprano part only, this tool will enable*

him to separate his part from the rest (which is in the background) and thus learn his part.



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

Please contribute your writing skills and thoughts! If you have any ideas, just email the editor, Leon Karahalis, at leonk@bellsouth.net or to any of your local Federation officers. *Please have all contributions submitted 2 full weeks ahead.*

Here are some thoughts for you to respond to: ♪ Have you visited choirs from other Metropolises? ♪ How do you react to the music? ♪ Do you have churches in your area that are not active in the Federation or do not have an established choir? ♪ Do you make an effort to know what the Psalti is singing and why? ♪ Do your Psaltai join you in the choir? ♪ Do you join the Psaltai when the choir is not active? ♪ Are you satisfied with the music that we generally chant or would you like more or less challenging work? ♪ Are you active in Pan-Orthodox visitation (i.e., do you visit, sing with, share fellowship with, invite or attend Sunday of Orthodoxy with Orthodox churches of other jurisdictions)? ♪ Do you have ideas for small parishes getting active? ♪ Do you have ideas for inactive parishes taking part? ♪ Do you have ideas for small parishes getting their children active? ♪ Does your church normally hold Orthros and Vespers? Do you have unusual resources like Orthros music in Western notation? In English?



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HERE ARE SOME QUICK NOTES FROM THE SUMMER:

2006's recipients of the Athenagoras award were Stanley M. Evdemon of St. John the Baptist Church in Tampa, FL; Dr. Z. JoAnna Hill of St. Nicholas Cathedral, Tarpon Springs, FL and Joanne H. Kambouris of Holy Trinity Church, Clearwater, FL.

Scholarship 100 -- Ms. Emily Shepherd of the Dormition of the Theotokos, Greensboro, NC, Mr. Christos Mylonas of Holy Trinity, Clearwater, FL and Ms. Nichole Maria Rallis of St. Nicholas Church, Wilmington, NC were presented scholarships at the Grand Banquet in Orlando by Mrs. Lucy Zapzas, Scholarship Co-Chairman at the 2006 Choir Conference. Congratulations!

ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE AND METROPOLIS: UPCOMING EVENTS

Choral Competition, part of the Hellenic Dance Festival — Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Clearwater, Florida, February 3, 2007. For more information you can email Joanne at skambour@knology.net.

*I hope this Notable Notes format for Keynotes will motivate one and all to take a more active role in our Federation.
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CHOIR/CHANTER SURVEY 2007

Church name _____ Email _____

Church address _____

_____ phone _____ fax _____

Director(s) _____

Organist(s) _____

Chanter(s) _____

Priest(s) _____

ANNUAL CHOIR CONFERENCE:

Preferred month _____ June _____ July _____

Average number participants _____

Registration fees budgeted by Parish?
_____yes _____no _____amount

CHOIR ORGANIZATION:

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Librarian _____

Choir treasury ? _____yes _____no

List major fund-raising activities:

CHOIR CONTACT:

address _____

phone _____ email _____

(Please note preferred method of contact by *)

CHANTER CONTACT:

address _____

phone _____ email _____

(Please note preferred method of contact by *)

Is chanting in Greek, English, both, or mix? _____

Scheduled rehearsal day _____ time _____

Number of voices:

Soprano _____ Alto _____

Tenor _____ Bass _____

Total choir members _____ Liturgy _____

PARTICIPATION BY CHOIR (C) / ORGANIST (O) /

CHANTER (CH) / YOUTH (Y): (mark all that apply)

Vespers _____ Heretismi _____ Average singers per liturgy _____

Paraklesis _____ Paraklesis _____ Weddings _____

Funerals _____ Other _____

National Church Music Sunday in October _____

and how it is observed _____

Organ usage % _____

Greek usage % _____ English usage % _____

Congregational singing ? _____yes _____no

LITURGICAL MUSIC: (Please indicate usage by number 1=most used, 2=sometimes, 3=not used)

Anastasiou _____ Gallos _____ Maragos _____ Raptis _____ Vrionides _____

Bogdanos _____ Kypros _____ Pappas _____ Roubanis _____ Zervos _____

Desby _____ Lawrence _____ Petrovich _____ Sakellarides _____ Zes _____

Other _____

Composite of _____

CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTES (CMI), co-sponsored by the National Forum and the SFGOCM, are held twice a year: spring and the day preceding the choir conference. Would your choir/chanter be interested? _____ yes _____ no

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Would your choir still require paper copies by mail ? _____: and if so, how many ? _____

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