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Are you prepared for Savannah?

The deadlines have passed! You're making plans for the trip. Your robe and music are home if your choir is out for the summer, so that you can pack them up. We encourage you to visit the Savannah Parish website: <http://www.stpaul.ga.goarch.org/choirlanding.html> or <http://www.sfgocm.org> to download directions to the newly constructed Hilton Garden Inn - Midtown Savannah and to download all forms for registration, guest meal form and commemorative Ad form for placement in the Conference album. Deadline for registration was July 2, 2007 so *if you haven't made your reservations at the hotel or sent in your registration for the conference, there may be late charges.*



GENERAL MEETING

All Conference Delegates

Please send an email to John Mitchell (Johnpm2@hotmail.com) *now* stating that you are a delegate so that he can send you copies of our reports for the general meeting prior to the conference for your review.

The CMI Workshop Agenda is attached for your information.



If you are not or someone else is not going to the Conference ...

Please submit their/your emails and other contact information! The Federation does not have a comprehensive database. We need more than just your emails: we need your addresses and phone contact information, too. We will have a ledger at registration so that you can fill in the blanks.



In order for this monthly newsletter to reach everyone, we need your help with gathering email addresses, 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.*



Federation Trip to Greece, 2008

Please see the next page for forms and contact information.



AXIOS to our Joanne Kambouris

Joanne Kambouris was appointed by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios to be the Youth Music Coordinator for the Metropolis of Atlanta. Her function will be to assist each and every parish in the Metropolis with their youth choirs.



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FEDERATION CHOIR TRIP TO GREECE

As you may remember, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios has recently been encouraging the federation to organize a choir tour to Greece. We have accepted this challenge and have now begun making plans for this trip. We have confirmed with His Eminence a departure date of Thursday, June 5th, 2008, and a return on Monday, June 16th.

Traveling with His Eminence, we will be singing the divine liturgy at the church of St. Andrew in Patras, and also presenting a concert there. In addition we will visit Kalavryta, Zachynthos, Olympia, Delphos, and Meteora, presenting concerts of sacred and folk music. We will also sing the divine liturgy at a church in Athens.

While the cost of the trip cannot be confirmed at this date, based on this year's costs, plane fare will be approximately \$1000 to \$1200 per person, and the cost of lodging, food and local transportation is estimated to be approximately \$1000 per person. The federation will make every effort to keep travel costs low; for example, we are exploring the possibility of staying in homes while in Patras.

The core of the choir will be members of the Dormition choir from Greensboro, NC and the Orthodox Youth Choir of Tampa Bay, groups which were awarded gold medals in the Metropolis 2006 and 2007 Hellenic Dance Festival choir competitions. The group will be directed jointly by Kevin Lawrence and Joanne Kambouris. We are sure to have room for additional singers from around the Metropolis, especially tenors and basses. Since it is important to have some idea of how many are interested in taking part in this adventure, we ask you to fill out the brief survey and return it by the end this month.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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CHOIR TRIP SURVEY

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Federation Choir Conference (years participated) _____

Voice Part _____

Any musical training in voice _____

Any musical training in an instrument _____

Member of church choir (years) _____

Please submit survey only if you are truly committed towards this trip. Selection may be based on auditions and choir director's recommendations.



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Officer Elections in July

Nominations for the officers of the Southeastern Federation of Choirs and Musicians for 2007-2008 are now being accepted. Elections will be held at the annual business meeting on July 27, 2007 at the choir conference in Savannah, Georgia. Nominations will be accepted by July 14, 2007 and also at the annual business meeting,

Please submit your nominations for the Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to Pauline Velonis, member of the Nominating Committee, at 704.364.1135 or email at ChicGreek@aol.com and provide the following information on the nominees you are submitting:

Nominee Name, Parish, Parish City
Previous Federation Involvement:
Church Leadership Experience

The 2006-2007 officers have agreed to serve for the coming year. They are President John Mitchell of Tampa, Florida, Vice President Margaret Sarafoglu of Miami, Florida, Secretary Kathy Chapekis of Boca Raton, Florida and Treasurer Nick Mermigas of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mary Zervos, Immediate Past President
Chairman of the Nominating Committee



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Thursday July 26, 2007

Hellenic Center
Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church
Savannah, Georgia

- *Guest Clinicians* -

Evey Simon
Choral Director
St. Nicholas G. O. Church
Troy, MI

Christopher Kypros
Church Music Composer
Guest Conductor
Norfolk, VA

Chris J. Zervos
Church Music Composer
Holy Trinity G. O. Cathedral
Toledo, OH

- *Curriculum* -

- 12:00 p.m. Shaping the phrase - Making music and lyrics much more meaningful by crafting the phrase.
- 12:45 p.m. The Sound[s] of Music: Producing the best tone — the A-B-C's to improve your choir.
- 2:00 p.m. Projection: Using the body parts God gave you. Accountability is not a 4-letter word.
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Summer of the Arts: Singing In English, or “What’s vowels got to do with it”.
- 5:00 p.m. Putting it all together: Applying the techniques we covered to selected musical arrangements.
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner