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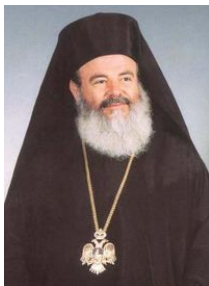
All Conference Delegates

All officers were reinstated by general acclaim.



Paraklesis Service for His Beatitude Archbishop CHRISTODOULOS

As some of you may know, His Beatitude, Archbishop Christodoulos is staying in South Florida awaiting a medical procedure. The following was written by *Fr. Christopher Metropulos*:



His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta hosted a Paraklesis Service for His Beatitude Archbishop Christodoulos along with the clergy and laity of South Florida at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, which is also the home of OCN on Monday, August 27, 2007. His Beatitude's response and moving message is available here in both video and written format. In addition His Beatitude Archbishop Christodoulos, His Excellency Archbishop Theoklitos and Archdeacon Anthimos will celebrate the Hierarchical Liturgy Sunday September 2, 2007 at St. Demetrios Church which will be broadcast live on www.myocn.net.

If you would like to listen to Archbishop Christodoulos' Sermon, please click below and save it to your PC.

[Christodoulos' Sermon](#)

Links

Stan Takis, Choir Director of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Claire Shores, MI, has just completed a hymnal for congregational singing. He uses the music developed by his wife, Nancy. Both her music and the hymnal are available on this website: <http://www.newbyz.org>.

Link to Divine Liturgy in MODERN Greek

Archbishop Christodoulos of Greece has tried to bring vernacular Greek to the churches in Greece, much as we try to include English in our liturgies, so that people could understand the Liturgy and the Word.

You can find a side-by-side translation of the liturgy at http://www.phys.uoa.gr/~nektar/orthodoxy/prayers/service_litourgy_translation.htm

Russian Patriarchal Choir Concert on November 8, 2007

If any of you can possibly make it to Miami on Thursday, November 8, 2007, there will be a concert at the Carnival Center (in the recital hall opposite the new Opera House downtown) of the Russian Patriarchal Choir.

An internet search found that there are busloads of folks coming from other denominations for the event. As Orthodox Musicians, it seems that this would be a very rare opportunity for us to be exposed to all kinds of Russian chant through the ages. They reportedly are also going to do some of Rachmaninoff's Liturgy, as well as the Tchaikovsky. Click the link below and get a big crowd together quickly — the tickets are going fast! <http://www.carnivalcenter.org/tickets/tickets/production.aspx?performanc>

Federation Trip to Greece, 2008

Please see the next page for forms and contact information.



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.