



Dear Fellow Church Musicians,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

As was discussed in our annual General Meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida, the Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians (SFGOCM) will be continuing 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 **BY MAY 31**, ALL of it's 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,

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