



Dear Fellow Church Musicians,

The Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians (SFGOCM) will be continuing programs to increase its music ministry to our Holy Metropolis of Atlanta. The Federation serves as the liaison between the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (through its musical arm, The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians) and every local parish choir, psalti, and church musician in the Metropolis of Atlanta. Our Federation requires revenue to continue our services to every parish in this Holy Metropolis. This revenue comes from each parish in the manner of annual membership, special trays passed on National Church Music Sunday, and voluntary donations. This revenue supports the resources to strengthen adult choirs, to form and improve youth choirs and Sunday School music programs, to train choir directors and chanters, to develop congregational singing programs, and to assist in the needs of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios as well as other hierarchs and priests in the Metropolis of Atlanta. To be successful in these endeavors, we need for all parishes to either **continue** or **please renew** their SFGOCM membership. Annual membership consists of a minimum stewardship of \$100.

How does paying my annual stewardship benefit my local music program?

1. Members of your church music program can attend the annual SFGOCM Conference without having to pay an extra "individual members' fee" with their registration.
2. Aspiring church musicians can apply to receive the GALLOS/ZANAKOS Music Scholarship Award.
3. Church musicians in your parish can be honored in many ways through the Years of Service awards and the Patriarch Athenagoras Metropolis Service Award.
4. 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, 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 mail with your stewardship or email (agllrks@gmail.com) your separate list of adult choir and junior/youth choir members, giving each name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone, e-mail address, voice part (s-a-t-b), and Years of Service to the music ministry.

Please send the form and your stewardship to:

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Sincerely,

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Vice-President
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