



## **GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH MUSIC FEDERATION MINISTRY**

### **FRANK DESBY and XENIA ANTON DESBY MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship has been established in the honor of Xenia Anton Desby, gifted organist and church musician and her husband, renowned Byzantine music scholar and composer Frank Desby, for their inspiration and contribution to the music ministry of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to assist and encourage the musical development and training of Greek Orthodox musicians to equip the recipients to serve or continue to serve the music ministry of the Greek Orthodox Church.

### **GUIDELINES**

SCHOLARSHIPS will be considered for the following:

- Voice (Choral or Chant)
- Keyboard
- Conducting
- Composition
- Continuing Education/Professional Development
- In honor of Xenia Anton Desby, preference will be given to qualified applicants who wish to study organ.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED**

- Two annual awards of \$500 each
- One for students with no formal musical training
- One for students seeking advanced training

QUALIFICATIONS for music studies:

- Applicant must be a Greek Orthodox Christian in good standing with a Greek Orthodox Church

- Applicant must belong to a member parish of the Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation Ministry
- Applicant must be an active member of a church choir or chant group
- Applicant must be seeking to advance or enhance his or her musical development.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicant must submit a formal application for scholarship no later than the announced deadline.
- Each application must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the applicant's local priest and choir director or chief chanter.
- Applicants will include a short letter stating their reasons for seeking the scholarship, the course of study they plan to pursue, including a short paragraph describing the musical activities in which they have been involved during the past two years and indicate any formal training they have completed
- The Scholarship committee will meet and review each application.
- Interviews and auditions may be requested by the Scholarship Committee.
- The Scholarship Committee will present its nominations to the Board of the Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation Ministry. The final approval will come from the Board. The scholarships will be presented at the Annual Federation Conference.
- Immediate past recipients must wait one year to re-apply