



**GOMSF Church Music Federation Ministry**  
**sfchurchmusic.org**  
**Annual Individual Stewardship and Parish Contribution Appeal**  
**2019-2020**

September 14, 2020  
+ Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Dear Reverend Fathers and beloved Church Musicians,

Glory to God for His love and protection of us in this new ecclesiastical year. Our ministry has so much to be grateful for as we have completed another year of building our collaborative work together. Now that we find ourselves at the time of year when we usually launch our Annual Stewardship Appeal, we have a keen understanding of the challenges and financial hardship experienced by our parishes and individual singers and chanters as a result of this catastrophic pandemic. You continue to be in our prayers each day. Today we are reaching out primarily to share our recent accomplishments to make you aware of the way your past stewardship has supported us.

Our ministry is on a stable financial footing at the present, and by His grace we have been able to accomplish many of our goals this past year to serve church music development for all ages and all sizes of parish. Among the projects with which we are most pleased are:

- \$4,000 in scholarship funds to 8 church musicians aged 12-55 from very small to large parishes.
- Fun, accessible, and educationally sound instructional videos on hymnology and music literacy available from our YouTube channel right on our website.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-aehxCuwfPePrVWB7kljmQ>
- Fully planned one or two day Church Music Institutes, ready to be adapted to parish needs when we are able to safely hold such enrichment workshops.
- The near-completion of the first volume of our English/Greek Divine Liturgy incorporating both Byzantine and western notation suitable and adaptable for all liturgical and educational purposes.

We respectfully request that you consider this one-time appeal for your continued support of these initiatives in any way that you are able at this time, especially for your prayers and continuing communication with us. One way that parishes can offer support to us is to keep us updated on the contact information for your individual church musicians, and to consider hosting future Church Music Institutes. Individual church musicians may support us not only by monetary contributions but by finding areas of the ministry with which to offer their skills and talents.

We remain so grateful to our dedicated Metropolis stewards and parishes for all they have done for the love of the music of our church in previous years, and pray that we may continue to rely upon you for sustaining our work by your generosity upon which we humbly depend.

Respectfully in Christ,

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