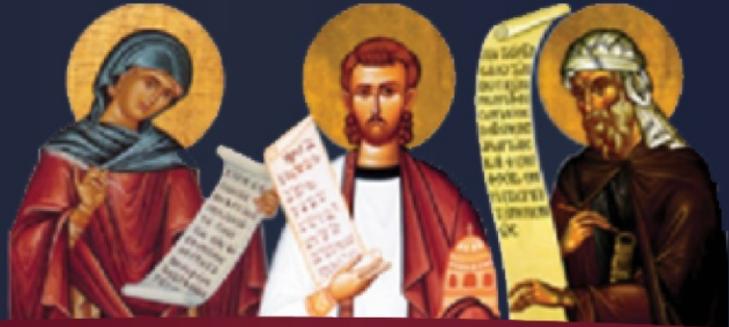


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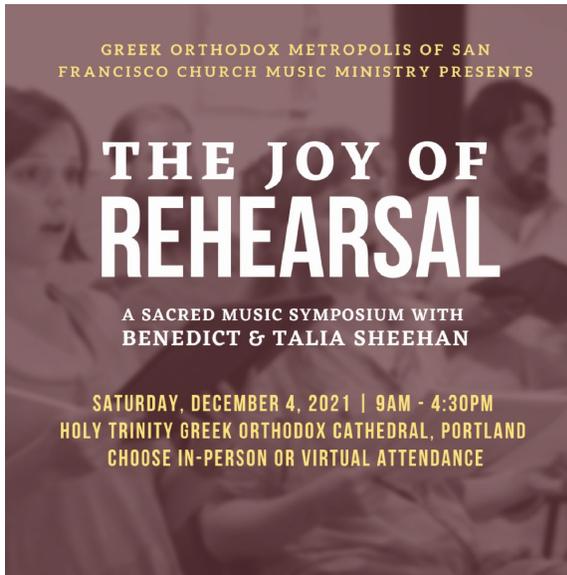
Chronia polla to all as we begin our new liturgical year! It was a joy to see many of you at our in-person and virtual Plenary Information and Planning Meeting on August 7. We are so grateful to Fr. Stephen Tschlis, Dr. Eve Tibbs, the staff, and choir volunteers of St. Paul's Irvine, who so graciously hosted us for this event. [The minutes of the meeting and are now posted on the website.](#)



A highlight of the day was an inspiring and encouraging personal message from His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos who joined us on-line. [Click here to enjoy seeing and hearing him.](#) We are delighted to bring you this digest of news and announcements in a new monthly format to enjoy on your computer,

tablet, or phone. Let us know what you think!

Save THE DATE



Are you a church singer in need of support and reconnection? Join us for a day with award winning Orthodox composer and conductor Benedict Sheehan and his gifted wife, Talia Maria, as they guide us in exploring the joy of an effective and engaging choral rehearsal.

As a Symposium Participant you will:

- Rehearse and refine 4 challenging & rewarding Orthodox hymns
- Learn rehearsal techniques for both adult and children's choirs
- Receive a Rehearsal Planning Guide for use in your own parishes
- Enjoy an intensive symposium experience and connect with fellow church musicians

Bonus Symposium Exclusive:

As a preview of the West Coast premiere of his acclaimed Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom by Cappella Romana, Benedict will lead the Symposium Choir in learning "It is Truly Meet" from the Liturgy.

Watch for more details and registration information *coming soon!*



ANNOUNCING THE

2021 FRANK DESBY AND XENIA ANTON DESBY MEMORIAL Church Music Scholarship Recipients

The Ministry is delighted to announce the recipients of the 2021 Frank Desby and Xenia Anton Desby Memorial Church Scholarship. This year, the Metropolis Music Ministry Federation offered three (3) scholarships of up to \$500 each to these candidates interested in furthering their education to support their involvement in parish music ministry.



Nicholas Dudler

St. Demetrios and Assumption
Seattle, WA



George Miller

Assumption
Scottsdale, AZ



Ross Ritterman

Holy Cross
Belmont, CA

This year's applications were carefully reviewed by a committee of professionally trained musicians, who ultimately awarded scholarships to these three fine applicants, whose ages range between 20 to 39 years old and who represent parishes from three vicarates of our Metropolis. We applaud them for their enthusiasm and dedication in striving to not only improve their personal musical knowledge, but to deepen their faith and commitment to participate in worship that focuses on the rich hymnology of our faith.

Congratulations!

The new liturgical year brings us much to be grateful for, especially



IT'S THAT *Time* OF YEAR!

the many blessings and accomplishments of the past year, which have been supported by your generous stewardship contributions. Thank you to the 36 church musicians and two parishes who so generously gave to the work of our ministry. We once again ask you to prayerfully consider giving to our appeal for 2021-2022 so that we can continue to offer events, resources, and encouragement to

parish music programs across the Metropolis through these initiatives and more:

- Frank Desby and Xenia Anton Desby Memorial Church Music Scholarships
- Our Growing Library of Instructional Music Videos on our YouTube channel
- Special course in Liturgics for Parish Music Leaders
- Exciting in-person and virtual symposium in December
- Upcoming Church Music Institutes, workshops, and parish consultations

Contributions continue to be accepted on-line and by mail. You do not need a PayPal account to offer your stewardship by credit or debit card. <https://sfchurchmusic.org/stewardship/>

Thank you for your generous ongoing support!



We're 
Back!

Send us photos from your parish music groups as you begin to bring back singers to your soleas, lofts, and rehearsal rooms. We always welcome your news!

Here are happy church musicians from Resurrection Castro Valley, CA as they gather to rehearse for an upcoming liturgy. (Above) Left to right, Carol Cach, Melissa Mischak, Liz Levy (Director), Kathy Stathis (rehearsal pianist), Diakonissa Annemarie Bosl, and Tallia Bosl.

Back to School!

Be sure to explore these excellent Orthodox music schools as resources for individual church music instruction featuring highly trained church musicians from our Metropolis.

The institute is offering discounts on its courses to 2021-2022 Stewards of our ministry!



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The Annual Meeting of the National Forum was held virtually over the weekend of August 27 to 29. Our ministry was well represented by our ministry chair Kay Harkins and delegates Liz Levy, Vasiliki Kyriakakis, Athena Anastos, and Tikey Zes. Athena was chair of a committee that has now completed a long-awaited project to provide a handbook for parish music directors. This guide will be available soon on the Forum website. (link) A highlight of the weekend was an outstanding Roundtable Discussion on Orthodox music

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

OCTOBER 3, 2021



*Rejoice, unfading rose. Rejoice, birth-giver of the aromatic balm of the King of all.
Rejoice, O Bride unwedded, the world's salvation.
-From The Akathist Hymn-*



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composition featuring four prominent composers including our own Father Michael Pallad and Dr. Tikey Zes. They were impressive!

The Forum is the sponsor the National Church Music Sunday and offers publications and resources for Greek Orthodox church music across the Archdiocese.

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