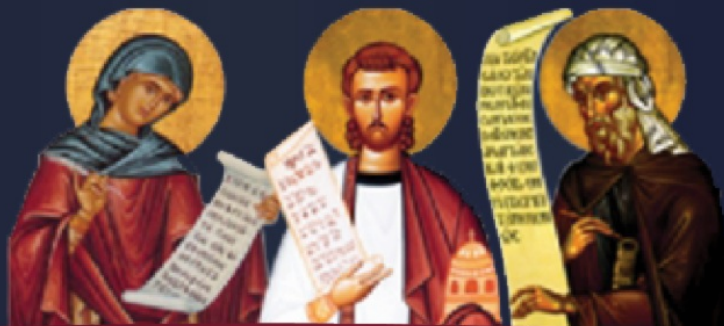


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**May the joy of His Victory  
fill your heart with song...**

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## Bi-Annual Plenary Information & Planning Meeting

**Saturday, April 29, 2023 via Zoom  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

As you are aware, our Organizational Guidelines require us to meet together twice a year to share the accomplishments of the ministry, plan for the future, and discuss the topics important to church musicians throughout the Metropolis.

The interest and engagement of Metropolis church musicians is essential to the nature and sustaining of our ministry. Thanks to the blessing of Zoom, every church musician can easily attend both of these important meetings each year, allowing far greater participation than in the past. Since 2021, we have also included a short enrichment workshop to each meeting to bring encouragement and good ideas to all.

Our meetings require no registration fee, and are open to all; however, registration is necessary in order to participate. Stewards in good standing are authorized to vote on any issues that may be required at the meetings.

[Click here to register](#)

### AGENDA

- Welcome and opening prayer

- Message from His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
- Update on ministry activities since our August meeting
- Announcement of attendees
- Approval of minutes from August meeting by those who attended. [Click here to view the minutes.](#)
- Financial and Stewardship Report
- Discussion on the future direction of the ministry
- Mini-workshop: Panel of Metropolis parish music leaders sharing innovations and growth in their music programs

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 29th!**

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## **Medal of St. Paul Awarded to Annunciation Sacramento Choir Members**



On February 26, 2023, the Annunciation parish in Sacramento was honored by a visit by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros. Following the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence bestowed the Archdiocese Medal of St. Paul, which honors those who have given many years of exemplary service and dedication to their faith and parishes, to two long-time choir members, ***Terry Kastanis*** and ***Julie Mamalis***.

The choir and parish did a good job of keeping the honors secret until the day of the visit, while making sure the recipients' families would be in attendance. The choir put

their hearts into the preparation of a beautiful liturgy, including the beloved hymn *Epi Si Heri*, arranged by Dr. Tikey Zes.

Terry was honored specifically for his work as the parish historian and librarian as well as his years singing in the choir and leadership in the Metropolis Music Federation, where he served as Vice President in the 1980s.

Julie, who leads the alto section of the choir and occasionally assists as organist, is also active in other areas of parish leadership, curating the displays of cultural history and artifacts, which she updates each year for the annual festival. She is also well known for her gifts in decoration for the many luncheons and dinners hosted by the parish each year.

The ministry joins the Annunciation choir in giving hearty congratulations to these two dedicated church musicians. *Axios!*



We are deeply grateful to those few church musicians who have generously responded to our Stewardship Appeal. The sustaining of our work depends upon not just a few, but a vital community of those who believe in the supporting the music of our faith in our Metropolis.

Please consider making your contribution today to our ongoing scholarships, workshops, and connections among “those who chant and those who sing.” Simply go to our website to contribute online or download a form to use by mail.

[Contribute Online](#)

**No news is ... no news!**

We would love to share stories and photos from your parish. Items sent by the last week of the month will be featured in the next month's issue of our Grace Note. Can't wait to see and hear what's been happening with you.

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