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YOUR MID-MONTHLY DIGEST OF CHURCH MUSIC NEWS



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proudly announces the
FRANK DESBY AND XENIA
ANTON DESBY MEMORIAL
CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023

For the fourth year in a row, the ministry will offer eight awards of up to \$500 each to church musicians wishing to grow in their musical skills to serve the Church in their parishes. Since 2020, scholarships have been awarded to 19 Metropolis church musicians, each of whom received outstanding evaluations from their instructors and have gone on to strengthen their parish music programs and inspire others to grow in their musical proficiency and understanding of liturgical services and practices.

We invite you or those in your parish who are seeking to increase their church music skills and knowledge to review the guidelines and apply for this year's scholarships, which are open to church musicians of all ages.

Application Deadline is August 1, 2023.

Guidelines, application and recommendation forms also available on the ministry website June 1, 2023.

2023 Application

Recommendation Form

Scholarship Guidelines

Ministry Leaders and Church Musicians Gather for Online Plenary Meeting



Your ministry Leadership Circle once again prepared and presented the Bi-Annual Plenary Information and Planning Meeting on Saturday, April 29, 2023. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos opened our time with prayer and heartfelt encouragement to the leadership and the 5 church musicians who joined 7 members of the Leadership Circle in attendance. His Eminence stayed with us throughout the meeting, offering insight and asking helpful questions.

A presentation of upcoming events and a detailed look at the income and expenses of the ministry during this liturgical year gave us an opportunity to discuss the values of the ministry and to consider events and initiatives in the future. The Leadership Circle truly appreciated the input and perspectives of our 5 participants to help us in our upcoming budget and planning meeting in preparation for the August Plenary meeting, preparation of the new budget, and future direction of the ministry.

The highlight of the meeting was the mini-workshop in which Danilo Simich, parish music leader of Saint Anthony Reno, shared the success of his parish in building a strong Byzantine choir and program of congregational singing which is contributing to a spiritual vitality in the parish that is drawing more people of the Reno area to the Church. He outlined the benefits of the Church Music Development Team's work with

Father Stephen Karcher and the choir in refining their vision of music in their parish and ways the recent Church Music Intensive Workshop brought parishioners and church musicians together as well as offering specific support in choosing and preparing music appropriate to needs of the choir in the present and the future.

We look forward to our next plenary gathering in August and hope to have many more participants then. The date will be announced in the June *Quarter Note*.

Exceptional Learning Opportunity!



2023 Summer Music Institute

*at St. Vladimir's
Seminary*



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♪ *Your Participation Still Needed!*

RESPOND TO THE 2022-23 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



Ours is a volunteer ministry that relies upon the time, talents, and treasures of Metropolis church musicians. We are deeply grateful to those of you 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” by going to our website to contribute online or download a form to use by mail.

[Contribute Online](#)

We also cordially invite you to find a place in one of our five fun ministry teams to support the work of church music in our Metropolis.

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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