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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO
CHURCH MUSIC FEDERATION MINISTRY



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THE *Grace* NOTE
YOUR MID-MONTHLY DIGEST OF CHURCH MUSIC NEWS



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Summer is on its Way!



Once Pentecost has passed there are so many blessed saints to celebrate and remember in the summer months. What is music like in your parish in the summer? Let us know!

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It's Scholarship Application Season...

The Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation Ministry



**FRANK DESBY AND XENIA
ANTON DESBY MEMORIAL
CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023**

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1st!

Now is the time to consider if you or someone in your parish would benefit from

conducting lessons, private voice coaching, or advanced or basic chant instruction. Is there someone who needs to improve his or her keyboard skills to facilitate more effective rehearsals? Our Desby Memorial Music Scholarship exists to help meet these and many other needs. We can work with you to discover the best sources for your instruction.

This year the ministry will again offer eight (8) scholarships of up to \$500 per person to help cover the costs for those church musicians who seek serve Christ and grow in through the music of our Church and join the previous 19 scholarship recipients of all ages who have taken advantage of this opportunity in the past.

You can find guidelines, application, and recommendation forms on our website. Reach out to us if you have any questions!

[Visit the Website](#)



A SACRIFICE of PRAISE

*Moving
From Vision
to Reality...*

*This summer, the Church Music Ministry will be working directly with the Metropolis Youth and Young Adult Ministry by having counselors teach parts of the new hymnal, **A Sacrifice of Praise**, to kids. Focus will be on the Anaphora, the oldest part of the Divine Liturgy. **A Sacrifice of Praise** is a bi-lingual, bi-notational hymnal, written by Gabriel Cremeens in its final stages of publishing. This hymnal is also used within our "Singing in the Nave" Church Music Intensives and is a great resource for the Sunday School, as well as youth and adult groups.*

The publication of this hymnal brings to fruition the vision and intention of the Leadership Circle through the work of the Church Music Development team begun in 2019 to support our youth and the entire church music community with a truly practical and useful tool to grow our faith through the hymnology of the Church.

Mark Those Calendars, Please.



Saturday
August 5, 2023

1:00 to 3:00 pm PDST

Another important Bi-Annual Information and Planning Meeting is coming your way on **Saturday, August 5, 2023** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm PDST via Zoom so that every church musician in each parish can participate.

The following is the brief proposed agenda. Any additional agenda items you may wish to be addressed in this meeting must be submitted to the ministry **NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2023**.

The registration link and meeting documents will be sent out in July. There is no charge for this meeting, and anyone who registers may attend. However, only those stewards of the liturgical year (September 2022-August 2023) will be eligible to vote. We are always so grateful for the support of our stewards, and you may make your contribution by visiting the website here. <https://sfchurchmusic.org/stewardship/>

Planned Agenda

- Welcome, prayer, and a message for His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
- Update on upcoming workshops, resources, and ministry news
- Stewardship report
- Financial report

- Voting issues:
 1. Approval of April 2023 Plenary Meeting minutes.
 2. Re-allocation of reserved funding.
 3. Approval of budget for 2023 Liturgical year.
- Mini-workshop (Topic TBA)



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of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians**
Presents Its First Symposium
FOR COMPOSERS AND ARRANGERS
OF ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSIC



July 14-15, 2023
Saint Louis, Missouri

Keynote Speaker: Tikey Zes

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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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