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## Announcing our New Class of Church Music Scholars!

Our Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation Ministry is proud to introduce the recipients of the **2023 Frank Desby and Xenia Anton Desby Memorial Church Music Scholarship**.



**Matthew Carrol**  
Saint Katherine  
Redondo Beach, CA



**Perry Gadinis**  
Saint Spryidon  
San Diego, CA





**Klara Kukumi**  
Holy Trinity Cathedral  
*Phoenix, AZ*



**Stephanie Nash**  
Saint Anthony  
*Reno, NV*



**Sylva Robinson**  
Saints Constantine and Helen  
*Lancaster, CA*



**Anna Virsik**  
Holy Cross  
*Belmont, CA*



**Anthony Vrondisis**  
Holy Trinity  
*San Francisco, CA*

**Congratulations to each of these fine awardees!**

This scholarship fund has been established in the honor of Xenia Anton Desby, gifted organist and church musician and her husband, renowned Byzantine music scholar and composer Frank Desby, for their inspiration and contribution to the music ministry of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to assist and encourage the musical development and training of Greek Orthodox musicians to equip the recipients to serve or continue to serve the music ministry of the Greek Orthodox Church.

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**Dr. Eve Tibbs**  
*to Represent  
the Ecumenical  
Patriarchate*

Our own Dr. Eve Tibbs has been given an assignment by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America to represent the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the [World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission](#), where theological scholars of each tradition will be working on different projects together. Dr. Eve has been our webmaster and friend to our ministry since 2018. We are so grateful that she has been willing to help us in this way, as her life roles are many.

For those of you who somehow may not know, Dr. Eve (Paraskevè) Tibbs (PhD, Theology) is an Affiliate Professor of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California She has served as Chair of the Eastern Orthodox Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion, and is currently the Ministry Lead for Christian Education in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco. Dr. Tibbs attends Saint

Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, CA. where she serves as the Choir Director, and Chair of the Sunday Church School Board and has taught many free on-line educational courses for those seeking to know and understand the Orthodox faith. She is family woman -- a devoted wife, mother, and *yiayia* to her six wonderful grandchildren as well as being godmother to many Orthodox Christian converts.

***Congratulations, Dr. Eve, on this new important role!***

## 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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