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WE PRAY

you had a most blessed Church Music Sunday and feast of St. Romanos the Melodist. *May his inspiration and intercessions be with us always!*

Now that autumn is well underway, we want to remind you that your Metropolis Music Ministry is here to help you with any resources and encouragement you need in sustaining and growing your local music ministry ...

We can send a team to you for a workshop or retreat or simply have a phone or Zoom consultation to answer questions or listen and make suggestions on the plans you have for your polyphonic or Byzantine choirs (or both!)

We hope you received our invitation to support the Ministry through our Stewardship for this Liturgical year, and are inspired to partner with us in keeping the music of our Church alive. We always welcome you to join any of our five ministry teams in bringing the best in church music education and resources to our Metropolis.

In Christ,

The Leadership Circle of the GOMSF Church Music Federation Ministry

2023-2024 Liturgical Year

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Each One
Reach One...*



New Hymnal *Begins to Come to Life!*

This past summer, a portion of the forthcoming hymnal, "A Sacrifice of Praise," was an integral part of the worship experience of our youth during summer camps at St. Nicholas Ranch.

Judi Bosl, a camp counselor who taught the "Faith and Culture" sessions at camp, shares this reflection on incorporating the Anaphora portion of the hymnal into the camp curriculum:

Getting the opportunity to teach the St. Nick's Summer Camp attendees this summer was amazing! Many campers were extremely excited to have this aspect of the program added.

They also worked with those who were not as enthusiastic about the prospect of singing to come out of their shells and get just as equally excited by the end of the week. My co-leader and I taught them the Anaphora portion of the liturgy, which I found to be beneficial because in doing so we were also able to dive into the meaning and timing of the pieces we were singing, therefore being able to give them a more well-rounded view of the service. By the time Friday morning liturgy came around, we found that a majority of the kids were participating in the communal singing of the Anaphora, whereas only a few were helping with the rest of the service (since we had not taught those portions). It was inspiring to see these kids pick up such a beautiful portion of the service and learn it in such a short amount of time with so much enthusiasm!



The ministry is looking forward to the final publication of “A Sacrifice of Praise,” originally commissioned by the GOMSF Church Music Ministry Federation and composed by [Gabriel Cremeens](#). The hymnal utilizes both Greek and English as well as Western and Byzantine notation and is adaptable for use by parishes, youth and adult groups, Sunday School, and more.



This October 22, The Archdiocesan District Federation, in conjunction with the National Forum of Church Musicians, will be hosting a Church Music Institute (CMI) entitled, ***“Shaping the Psalteria: Reflections of a Female Cantor,”*** featuring Protopsaltria Photini Downie Robinison.

Plan to attend as Photini discusses how she became an Orthodox Christian and her concurrent formation as a cantor, the challenges she had to navigate along the way, and the journey from secular

performer to liturgical leader. A Q&A will follow each session.

Shaping the Psalteria: Reflections of a Female Cantor

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND 4PM

Additional sessions to follow

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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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