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A Blessed and Beautiful Tridion

As we “prepare to prepare” for Great and Holy Lent, Holy Week, and the Resurrection of Christ, your Metropolis Music Ministry stands ready to offer support, resources, and answer questions on your needs.

Please reach out to us!

SAVE THE DATE!



***Days of Enrichment for
the Whole Orthodox
Church Musician***

October 24-27, 2024

Saint Nicholas Ranch and Conference and
Retreat Center in Dunlap, California
Watch for more details through the spring!

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Memory ETERNAL



Mary Louise Theodoropoulos

April 11, 1942 – January 31, 2024

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the falling asleep of Mary Louise Theodoropoulos, beloved lifetime member of the Holy Trinity Cathedral choir of Phoenix, Arizona.

Mary Louise called Phoenix her home for her entire life and dedicated herself to the community through her faithful Orthodox Christian service in numerous roles, including Philoptochos Society President, years of involvement with youth groups, and especially through her faithful praise of God in her choir.



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Father Ivan Moody

June 11, 1964 – January 18, 2024

The ministry and the entire world of Orthodox Christian music mourns the loss of noted composer, conductor, priest, and musicologist, Dr. Ivan Moody.

Born in London in 1964, Fr Ivan studied music at Royal Holloway, University of London, and the University of York (where he took his Ph.D.), and



Orthodox Theology at the University of Eastern Finland (formerly known as the University of Joensuu); he also studied composition privately with Sir John Tavener. Influenced by several mentors, including Father Michael Fortunatto, Fr Ivan developed an early and powerful interest in the music, spirituality, and liturgy of the Orthodox Church—whose music and faith were to play a foundational part in his own compositions and life.

Fr Ivan worked extensively as a Church musician and conductor. A one-time member of the choir of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral in London, he subsequently served as cantor in both Greek and Bulgarian parishes in Lisbon. He worked around the world with choirs and vocal groups as a conductor and clinician, sharing his expertise in the early and contemporary music of the Christian East and West. In North America, he forged a particularly close relationship as a conductor with Cappella Romana, first leading the ensemble in 2002 and directing them for the recording *Arctic Light: Finnish Orthodox Music*.

His light and inspiration will be deeply missed.

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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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