

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Ministry Unified Organization Guide

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation Ministry exists under the oversight and with the support of the Metropolis to serve the parishes and church musicians of the Metropolis.

MISSION: Our Ministry seeks to glorify God through the love, support, education, and promotion, of the rich musical traditions of our Orthodox Christian faith.

PURPOSE:

- A. To promote and support the sacred music of the Greek Orthodox Church, by bringing about a better understanding of its liturgical role in the worship of the Church and the Christian formation of church musicians and the Church as a whole.
- B. To foster and maintain a high standard of musicianship through education and training throughout the Metropolis for Adult Choirs, Youth Music Programs, Directors, Organists/Accompanists, Chanters, Parochial Schools, Sunday Schools, Congregations and Clergy.
- C. To encourage the development, performance, composition/arrangement and publication of sacred music.
- D. To provide a conduit of information, encouragement, and support of the resources, programs, and events of the Ministry.
- E. To serve as the official voice of Church Musicians for the Metropolis, and to represent the interests of the Ministry at the Archdiocesan level and with the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.

LEADERSHIP

Ministry Co-Ordinator, appointed by the Metropolitan for the following responsibilities:

- Oversee the work of the ministry and assure that all requests for assistance and resources from the parishes
- Report to the Clergy Laity Assembly the plans and progress of the ministry.
- Work with other ministries of the Metropolis.
- Represent the Ministry to the Archdiocese, or other entities interested in the work of the ministry

- Appoint a representative to represent the Ministry at the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.
- Appoint a Communications Coordinator.
- Appoint a Scholarship Committee.
- Establish auxiliary and ad hoc teams or committees from the Council of Church Musicians as necessary to accomplish the goals of the ministry.

Representative to the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

- Will represent the Ministry in attending virtual or in-person meetings of the Forum, confirm delegates from the Ministry to the Annual Meetings of the Forum, and participate in standing or ad hoc committees of the Forum.

Communications Co-Ordinator

Will work with the Ministry Coordinator to:

- Facilitate any virtual or in-person meetings of the Ministry.
- Promote and publicize the work of the Ministry.

FUNDING

- Organizational and administrative expenses will be supported by the Metropolis.
- Scholarships will be funded by a Scholarship appeal, replacing the stewardship appeal.
- Funds received from workshops, events, etc. will go into ministry programs and resources. (The Metropolis covers the administrative expenses as noted above.)
- Donations will be encouraged for anyone interested in supporting the ministry through the website, the newsletter, and in promotions for events, including from individual parishes.
- All workshops, events, etc. will be funded by fees based upon the cost of the offered events. These fees will be calculated to cover the costs of the work focused on making them affordable rather than focused on making money for the ministry or a particular parish.
- The current reserves of the ministry will remain available to the ministry to assure that the ministry can support special efforts and projects.
- Metropolis supported fundraisers.

OTHER MINISTRY CONSIDERATIONS

- The Ministry shall not directly or indirectly make endorsements or recommendations for or against any political party, nominee for public office, or a commercial material or object.
- The Ministry shall have no financial interest in the property, assets, or liabilities of another organization in which it may hold membership, or in which it may be affiliated, unless specifically agreed, in writing, by both parties and approved by the Metropolis.

