

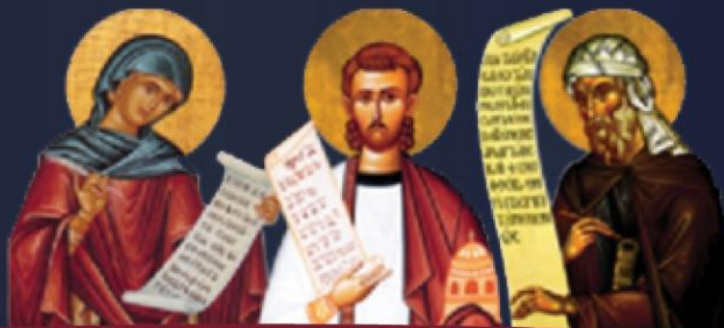
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THE *Grace* NOTE

YOUR MID-MONTHLY DIGEST OF CHURCH MUSIC NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM

Las Vegas, Nevada!

After a year of reorganizing and basically figuring things out, our music program at St. John the Baptist has experienced much transformation and growth, especially since the beginning of the year. We have had a grassroots effort that has organically grown from just a handful of dedicated people to four times the capacity during Holy Week and Pascha. We were blessed to have an abundance of Singers, Chanters and Readers OF ALL AGES at EVERY service! There is a desire to learn both Byzantine chant and Choral music; the congregation participates during the Divine Liturgy. We are all very excited to move forward in learning and understanding more of our role in the worship of our Holy Church.

May God bless all the musicians everywhere!

With Love in Christ,
Presvetera Maria Hondros

Thank you, Pres Maria! Please remember that all parishes are encouraged to send their news, photos, and videos to us for publication in the Grace Note.

Remember,
there's a place for **you** in the
Metropolis Music Ministry!



It's easy to join the Church Music Resource Group by letting us know the ways we might call upon you for local, regional, or Metropolis wide events and developing other educational resources. Your time and preferences will be taken into careful consideration. Simply take just a few moments to identify yourself and your gifts to us by completing this short form.

[**Click Here for the Form**](#)

You are invited to **Clearwater** on **July 3-6** for the **49th Annual Meeting** of the **National Forum!**

Hotel Information
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Clearwater
2580 Gulf to Bay Blvd | Clearwater, FL 33765

Reservation Link & Select your room
OR
For Call-in Reservations: 727-797-6300 ext. 1
Block Name: National Forum of Greek Orth Church
Musicians
Block Code: GOM
Last Day to Reserve / Cut-off: June 9, 2025

NATIONAL FORUM
National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians
2025 Annual Meeting
July 3-6, 2025
Holy Trinity Church, Clearwater, FL

Dinner and Watch
Fireworks on the 4th

New Music
Symposium

Evening on the
Sponge Docks



National Forum Annual Meeting and New Music Symposium

Thursday
NF Annual Meeting/ New Music Symposium
Dinner at Hellas in Tarpon Springs, FL

Friday
NF Annual Meeting/New Music Symposium
Dinner at Safety Harbor Spa, Safety Harbor, FL
Fireworks watching at the Spa on the Old Tampa Bay

Saturday
NF Annual Meeting/New Music Symposium
Rehearsal for Sunday Liturgy
On Your Own Time

Sunday
Divine Liturgy
Farewell Luncheon

Location information
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
409 S Old Coachman Rd, Clearwater, FL 33765

Closest Airports
Tampa International Airport (TPA)
For all other airlines

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE)
For Allegiant

FOR THOSE OF YOU GOING TO THE NF ANNUAL MEETING, safe travels and God be with you! Send us your photos and impressions for a future Grace Note.

This year, the gathering will include new music read-throughs on all three mornings plus a chance to sing with the Holy Trinity-Clearwater choir on Sunday.

It will be a great weekend, filled with lots of information about the status of church music in our Archdiocese, a chance to explore lots of new music possibilities, a visit and dinner in Tarpon Springs, another dinner to watch the fireworks seaside, and lots of good fellowship mingling with church musicians from all our Metropolises!



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*The musical arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
that strengthens and perpetuates its liturgical music*



PRELIMINARY ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

JULY 3-6, 2025

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CLEARWATER, FL

THURSDAY JULY 3RD

9:00AM-11:00AM

NEW MUSIC SYMPOSIUM

CHURCH

BREAK

11:30AM-12:30PM

ANNUAL MEETING

MATHEOS HALL

- Call to Order: Nick Chimitris
- Prayer: Rev Protopresbyter Fr James Paris and V. Rev. Archimandrite Chrysostomos Gilbert
- Welcome by Fr James Paris
- Keynote Address: V. Rev. Archimandrite Chrysostomos Gilbert
- Review of National Forum Activities: Nick Chimitris

12:30PM-1:30PM

LUNCH

MATHEOS HALL

2:00PM-4:30PM

ANNUAL MEETING

MATHEOS HALL

- Standing Committee Reports:
 - Administration: Vicki Pappas
 - Finance: Paul Mavromihalis & Philip Vavalides
 - Youth Initiatives: Denise Karras
 - Liturgical Music: Richard Barrett
 - Greek Orthodox Music Education: Athena Anastos
 - Publications: Lucy Pappadakes
 - Electronic Media and Development: Anthony Giallourakis
 - Public Relations, Communications and Awards: George Theodosiou

5:00PM- ???

NF DINNER

MAMMA'S GREEK CUISINE

FRIDAY JULY 4TH

9:00AM-11:00AM

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11:30AM-12:30PM

ANNUAL MEETING

MATHEOS HALL

- Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
 - 501C3: Joan Berg, JD
 - Liturgical Guidebook: John Cramer, Editor
 - Anastasiou Project: Nick Chimitris, Project Leader

12:30PM-1:30PM

LUNCH

MATHEOS HALL

2:00PM-4:30PM

ANNUAL MEETING

MATHEOS HALL

- Continuation of Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
 - Saint Romanos Church Music Festival: Nick Chimitris
 - New Music Symposium: Nick Bodle
 - Annual Meeting: Denise Karras
 - Music Education for Young People: Nick Chimitris for Rachel Brashier
 - Stewardship: Barbara Minton
 - Notes and Neumes: Constance Ross
 - Church Music Leadership Project: R. Brashier, P. Mavromihalis, and C. Therianos
- Federation Reports:
 - Archdiocesan District: President Costa Tsourakis
 - Metropolis of Boston Federation: President Sophia Argeros
 - Metropolis of Chicago Federation: President Maria Meintanis
 - Metropolis of Denver Federation: President Chrysanthi Therianos
 - EFGOCM Metropolis of New Jersey Federation: President Paul Mavromihalis
 - MEFGOX Mid-Eastern Federation Detroit and Pittsburgh Metropolises: President Kyriakos Theophanous

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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