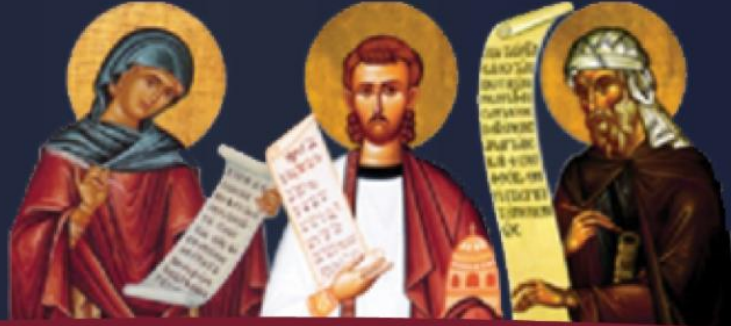
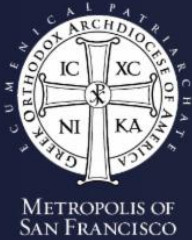


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**Calling all singers, chanters, directors, organists,
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APPLICATION DEADLINE DECEMBER 1, 2025

+Xenia Anton Desby and +Dr. Frank Desby Memorial Church Music
Scholarships

Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Application

Recommendation Form

Act quickly so that you do not miss this opportunity to be awarded up to \$500 to grow your faith and skill in your church music gift!

Yes, You Can Support The Future OF CHURCH MUSIC!

To assure the continued funding of our Desby Music Scholarships, we are calling upon the faithful of all parishes to donate to our 2025-2026 Scholarship Appeal. We will award as many \$500 scholarships as possible from the donations we receive by DECEMBER 1, 2025.

Thank you for sharing your treasure to grow the talents of our church musicians, young and old in the year ahead.

Please make your contribution today!

**Please join us in
SUSTAINING OUR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS!**

Since 2020 our ministry has awarded 35 scholarships of \$500 each to church musicians of all ages and from both large, medium, and small parishes across the Metropolis.

We believe this is a primary initiative in supporting our mission to enable church musicians to grow musically and spiritually to strengthen the music programs of their individual parishes and the Metropolis as a whole.

Sustaining these scholarships requires the sustaining and building of the reserves of the ministry for this purpose. Our goal for this year is to raise \$4,000 between now and December 1, to again offer 8 scholarships. Every donation large or small is meaningful in showing encouragement to those who seek to grow their gifts in Christ.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to contribute to this work. Donations are gratefully accepted from individuals and parishes.

"The Desby Memorial Church Music Scholarship enabled me to deepen both my faith and musical abilities by funding choral lessons at the Brighton School of Byzantine Music. My father's father was a village priest who learned these same hymns, and through this scholarship, I was able to connect with that legacy and my Greek Orthodox faith in a profound and personal way. I am deeply grateful to the Desby Music Scholarship for making this experience possible, and I hope to continue support will allow others to grow in their faith and musical tradition as I have."
Suzanne Davis, 2020 Recipient | Holy Cross GRC | Belmont, CA

"The more I study Orthodox Hymnography, the more I see just how theologically profound it truly is. The need for, and spiritual benefits of the Music Ministry only grow greater each year."
As a recipient of the Desby Memorial Music Scholarship, I can with confidence say it has been one of the largest blessings for me, and for the church's sign in it was through this scholarship that I was able to receive the highest level of musical education available to me: not only analysis and fundamentals of choral conducting and pacing. This enabled me to formally start on my path as a substitute conductor for my parish. On July 27 I will be conducting my first Sunday choral singing by staff choir of almost fifty voices."
Stephan Young, 2024 Recipient | St. Lawrence Orthodox Christian Church | Palmdale, CA

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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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