



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH MUSIC FEDERATION

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Greetings to All Church Musicians!

In an effort to keep everyone updated on current events happening in our Metropolis, this is our second Quarter Note newsletter. We are now in Great Lent which is a time of reflection and for spiritual renewal. We hope you will be inspired to share your faith and love for music and to mentor someone to join the choir and learn the hymns of our faith.

CMI and other Events

In the Northern CA Region, Belmont's Holy Cross Choir hosted a CMI (Church Music Institute) on October 22, 2016. There were 23 participants representing Holy Cross - Belmont, Ascension - Oakland, Resurrection - Castro Valley, St. Nicholas - San Jose. The facilitators were Dr. Tikey Zes from St. Nicholas; Rev. Fr. Peter Salmas who spoke on the Sequence (Sira) of the Divine Liturgy and the hymnology and changes in Proper's associated with the services, and Karen Hutchinson (organist), both from Holy Cross. A big thank you to Eva Canellos, the Holy Cross Choir, and volunteers who provided delicious food, an upbeat atmosphere, and were very gracious hosts.

There was also a CMI in the Southern region on February 11, 2017 at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Long Beach, CA. Rev. Fr. Christos Kanakis also gave the same lecture on the Sequence (Sira) of the Divine Liturgy and the hymnology and changes in Proper's associated with the services. Tikey Zes was again the facilitator, and Elsa Libowitz from St. John the Baptist in Anaheim was the organist. 37 people were in attendance as Tikey taught vocal techniques and conducted a read through of Palm Sunday music. The evaluations were very good and suggested topics for future CMI's were offered.

The Oakland Ascension Annual Crabaret crab feed fundraiser was February 25, 2017. The choir members entertained the guests with show tunes and fun songs. It was a great fun night.

On May 19, 2017, Annunciation in Sacramento will host a fundraiser, "What is This Thing Called Love" with singing of classic love songs from Gershwin, Cole Porter and more.

Winter Business Meeting

The Winter Business Meeting was held at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Long Beach on January 28, 2017. The fellowship was wonderful with lively discussions. The minutes are posted on the Federation website if you're interested in reading them. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the meeting this year and feel like I missed out on seeing friends and renewing my love for church music and bonding with those that feel the same way.

Summer Conference 2017

Our fearless President, Liz Levy has been working diligently to locate a place and date for the Summer Conference. For several years people have requested that the date be changed from our traditional June weekend. We heard you. When we join together in fellowship to sing, our spiritual life grows too. Plus, it is a lot of fun! See the back page for more information.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you Kali Sarokosti.

Meg Jakovas

Regional Administrator, Eastern California

SAVE THE DATE:
AUGUST 25 – 27, 2017



Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation Summer Conference to be held at the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center centrally located in the beautiful Fresno foothills.

You spoke! You were heard!

Announcing the exciting, affordable, enjoyable, and educational conference now at the end of summer!

There will be workshops to choose from, fun and music throughout the weekend!

Watch your inbox, mailbox, and the Federation website for more details!

If you've never been to the Ranch, check out their website: <http://www.stnicholasranch.org/>