

62nd Annual Church Music Conference

***Heirarchical Liturgy
&
Conference Luncheon***

Sunday, October 6, 2019

**Celebrate a successful Conference with the Choir.
\$25 adults, children 12 and under no charge.**

**St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
Chicago, IL**



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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO
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October, 2019

62nd Annual Choir Conference
 Federation of Greek Orthodox Musicians
 Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago

Dear Beloved,

Greeting you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I wish to congratulate each of you for participating in the 62nd Annual Choir Conference of our Holy Metropolis of Chicago.

With many participants travelling long distances throughout each corner of our Metropolis, I extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all our beloved choir musicians. Only together, are we truly able to celebrate and glorify the goodness of our Lord, who is able to unite us in a common cause, supporting one another, and nurturing the bonds of fellowship between the faithful of our Metropolis.

The theme selected for this conference, "Sing a hymn to the Lord and exalt Him beyond measure unto all the ages" (Daniel 3:57), brings to heart the importance of your service and participation within our liturgical worship. The talent our Lord has given each of you, to use your voices in singing the sacred hymns within our divine services, certainly provides all the faithful with a heavenly and transcendent liturgical experience. It is your sacred talents which contribute to our communities' capability to offer strong and vibrant praises to God.

With gratitude to the host parish of St. Basil Church in Chicago, Illinois, to the officers of the Federation under the presidency of Nick Chinitris, and to all who have contributed to this conference, I pray that our Lord will continue to bless our Metropolis Choir Federation, and all the talented musicians who continue to minister and serve in the name of Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father

With paternal Blessings,

F. Metropolitan Nathanael

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The three holy youths in Babylon Ananias, Mishael, and Azarias sang this verse as they danced in the midst of the fire. This moment is echoed in the 7th Ode of Every Canon and commemorated on Holy Saturday Morning. This exultant call for Doxology to our Lord is heartfelt because it acknowledges that our God will descend into the fire to rescue us. He will transform that fire into dew and dance with us in it. As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans (8:38-39) "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." "Therefore, how can we not sing? How can we not exalt? Our hearts should burst with harmonious music for our Lord. And as we come together, many voices into one sonorous force, we exemplify the Christian ethos of unity, love, and mission.

On behalf of the faithful of St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, we welcome all who have traveled near and far to participate in the 62nd Annual Church Music Conference. We are blessed beyond measure that you have come to share your faith and talents with us at St. Basil and we are eager to partake in the beautiful offerings of those gifts on Sunday. From the many members of our Committee who tirelessly worked long hours to ensure your stay is enjoyable, we welcome you to our communities. To those who have contributed to making this event a success, we pray that the 62nd Annual Church Music Conference affords all of you and us a rewarding spiritual experience.

Your servants in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Dimitrios Tobias
 Parish Priest

Ms. Jayne Schenk
 Parish Council President