

# *Choir Notes*

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Times for Lenten Concert**



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**The Youth Singers Christmas Workshop was held at St. George in Clifton on Nov. 20.**  
Above: Ladies from St. George in Clifton, who helped.  
Below: Photo of group with Clinicians, Kathryn Athanasoulas and Hope Demitry.



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## Youth Singer's Christmas Workshop

By Clinicians, E. Hope Demity and  
Kathryn Athanasoulas

Youth singers are alive and well in New Jersey! The EFGOCM District of New Jersey held its second youth singer's workshop on November 20, 2010. It was hosted by St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Clifton, NJ. We thank all those who sponsored the lunch and supported this workshop.

The "Youth Singer's Christmas Workshop" featured only Christmas music. There were 32 youth singers, ages 9 to 19, who arrived with rich, angelic voices and much enthusiasm. We had lovely soprano and alto voices, four changed voices (gentlemen that are moving toward tenor and bass) and boys with changing voices (boys with changed

and unchanged voices are shown below). They sang in unison and in parts, which is a treat. The day ended with a mini concert (music learned that day) featuring several soloists. As part of their music packet, the youth were given green folders and red shirts which they wore during the concert (photo at

bottom of page).

What great voices our church choirs will have and some already realize these voices as the young people develop into choir members. Please encourage your youngsters to join their church youth choir. What an added treat it will be to your liturgies. ♪



## **Christmas Concert at St. Nicholas in Wyckoff**

Our New Jersey District Choir helped St. Nicholas Church in Wyckoff celebrate their 40th Anniversary by presenting a beautiful Christmas Program on Sunday, December 19th at 4 p.m. Youth singers from Clifton, Trenton and Westfield joined the adults in this joyful concert. Many joined us because they had attended the Youth Singers' Christmas Workshop in November.

The Ladies Philoptochos provided delicious refreshments during the reception that followed. We thank St. Nicholas for hosting this concert and wish them many more years. ♪



**Photos from Christmas Concert held at St. Nicholas Church in Wyckoff, on December 19.**

- \* Above: Youth from Clifton, Trenton and Westfield participated
- \* Below: The adult choir



## Mark Your Calendars for an Unusual Vocal Master Class



Saturday, March 26, 2011, 1:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
250 Gallows Hill Road  
Westfield, New Jersey  
Church phone number: 908-233-8533

Pre Registration: Tickets \$10.00  
Registration at the Door: \$15.00

Chrissellene Petropoulos will once again join us and impart her knowledge through her scientifically researched methods. If you have never experienced this dynamic personality you are in for a treat.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, improve and understand what it takes to sing properly so that your voice can be used in the best way. It will be open to all so don't miss it.

Techniques learned on March 26<sup>th</sup> will enable you to immediately put these into practice, whether singing in your church choir and/or in the Lenten program.

The placement of this workshop was deliberately selected because you all are doing so much singing during this Lenten period.

Please encourage your priest and psalti to attend as these techniques will be helpful in learning how to conserve and protect their voices.

Also, you are invited to join us as we rehearse and participate in this year's "Spirit of Lent" concert on April 15, 2011 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Trenton, NJ

The rehearsal schedule is:

- March 21, 2011 – Piscataway – 7:15 pm
- March 28, 2011 – Piscataway – 7:15 pm
- April 4, 2011 – Piscataway – 7:15 pm
- April 11, 2011 – Trenton – 7:15 pm
- April 15, 2011 – Lenten Concert in Trenton at 8:00 pm

Tell your friends and fellow choir members.



**The Eastern Federation of  
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District of New Jersey

**Invites you to a  
Vocal Master Class  
Using the Whole Group Approach**

Come one, come all and improve your vocal techniques. What you will learn is most beneficial for all choral singers, such as tonal placement, breath control, the ability to sing high and low notes every time and preserving your voice. We will be implementing what you have learned during the Lenten program rehearsals. Music *will be* provided for this workshop.

*Featuring*

**CHRISSELLENE G. PETROPOULOS, Master Teacher**

*Come learn to produce a healthy sound; deal with nerves and vocal tension; and sharpen your techniques on how to learn what a conductor is asking of a singer.*

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**RSVP by March 18, 2011**

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*If you have a portable music stand please bring it.*