

Dear Members of the EFGOCM Listserv,

The 2017 Annual Conference of the EFGOCM is now history. Thank you to all who participated and in particular to those who helped make it happen. Many thanks to our co-chairs Judge Marina Corodemus, the parish council president at St. Demetrios and to our president, Paul Mavromihalis for an enormous amount of work they did over the last year to make the conference a reality. Meals and local logistics would have been impossible without Froso and Ruben Morales - they made things happen at every level and for that we are grateful! Friday evening's concert, A Tribute to St. Demetrios, by the Arcadian Chorale was superb under the direction of Marina Alexander.

Thank you for a great performance! We also thank Marina for the use of her keyboard and podium in the choir loft. Thank you to Fr. George Parsenios of St. Demetrios for his lunch-time lecture and his spiritual guidance throughout the weekend. Thanks also to Miriam Kotsonis as our recording technician and for her sound checks and balances. Thank you to our guest organist, Teodora Adzharova. You did such a good job accompanying the choir. Your skill and sensitivity to the music as well as your mind-reading and humor

added so much to our conference. Last and certainly not least is the appreciation we express to our beloved Metropolitan. Your Eminence, your leadership, support, kind words, and love are always an inspiration - thank you!

Two videos from our conference weekend are available on line. Click this link to view the "[Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Perth Amboy Facebook Page](#)" and select the "Videos" tab on the left side to view the "[100th Anniversary: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy](#)" or the Friday Evening Concert "[Arcadian Chorale performs in honor of the 100th Anniversary](#)".

On a more personal note as your guest conductor, I'd like to thank the family of Presvytera Anna Gallos for helping us facilitate the publishing of her Gallos IV Liturgy for use at the conference and by our many choirs. It has taken many months of editing and testing to where this music could be performed - I think she would have been happy. Anna was a brilliant woman and we are glad that her music is standing the test of time. [CLICK HERE](#) to read a letter of gratitude from John Gallos.

In Continued Service to Christ Through the Music
Ministry of His Church,
Nick Kyrus

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Athenagoras Medallion

Congratulations to this year's recipient of the [Patriarch Athenagoras I Medallion](#), Dr. Miriam Kotsonis. She is most worthy of this honor and is to be congratulated! [CLICK HERE](#) to read the presentation narrative.

Years of Service

In addition to the 10 and 25 year recipients who were presented awards for [Years of Service](#), we especially recognize the 50 year recipients. They are: Nicholas Chingas, Vickie Pappas-Glod, Erene Kariotis, Nick Lagakos, Tasi Pappaylion, Lulu Sarris (in memorium), Mary Tsarouhas, Helen Zarafonitis, and Constance Baboukis who was present at the conference to receive her award from His Eminence, our Metropolitan, Evangellos. Congratulations to all for your many years of dedication to our church music programs.

EFGOCM Scholarship

Congratulations to Joey Chavez of Richmond, Peter Papadopoulos of Broomall, and Elias Kotsis of Holmdel as this year's recipients of the [Anna G. Gallos Scholarship](#). During our conference, more than \$2,800 was collected from participants and guests to provide for our future scholarship winners. Thank you for your continued support. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the Thank-You notes from the recipients.

Photographs

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the EFGOCM 2017 Conference Photo Album on Facebook

2018 Conference

Congratulations to Fotini Nichols selected as the guest conductor for next year's conference. It will be at SS Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Richmond, VA on October 11-14. [Save the date!](#) The music will be the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom by Nicholas Roubanis with English supplements.

[CLICK HERE](#) for preliminary information.

2019 Conference

Congratulations to Nicholas Kyros selected as the guest conductor of the 2019 conference - location TBD. The music will be the Divine Liturgy of St. John

Chrysostom in Greek and English by Anna Gallos (Gallos II in Eb). If your parish/choir is interested in hosting the 2019 conference, please contact the Federation President, Paul Mavromihalis at [\[log in to unmask\]](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) for Conference Guidelines.

2018 PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is offering **two \$10,000 scholarships to undergraduates of Hellenic descent who are majoring in music or the arts.** Each year, the Foundation awards \$250,000 in scholarships to Greek-American college students.

[CLICK HERE](#) for complete information.