

Dear Members of the EFGOCM Listserv,

A nice note from Miriam Kotsonis:

I would like to encourage you to attend the EFGOCM conference... Richmond puts together great conferences! They are very experienced and caring, and we are singing in the pews - no climbs to a balcony. The priest there, Fr. Nick Bacalis, is the spiritual advisor not just to the EFGOCM but to the National Forum, so he is knowledgeable and supportive.

Even though Richmond isn't so close for everyone, this is a wonderful conference to "break the ice" if you haven't been to one before. You will find people very friendly. The Liturgy music is pretty easy and sounds familiar (some liturgies differ much more from what we know) and there will be an excellent clinician, Renee Root, giving vocal instruction as part of the included Church Music Institute. The guest conductor, Fifi Nichols, is warm, cheerful, and focused, an excellent musician from Baltimore... you will enjoy singing with her. The whole conference promises to be user-friendly and fun.

Often Northerners skip the Southern conferences, but this is one to attend! Take the AmTrak!

Warm regards,
Miriam

Here are some updates, announcements and reminders.

Deadlines Extended

The deadline for **Scholarship Applications** and for **Years-of-Service** has been extended to **June 1st**.

Click on the links below:

[Years-of-Service](#)

[Scholarship Applications](#)

2018 Conference

[CLICK HERE](#) to order music.

[CLICK HERE](#) for complete conference info.

Upcoming Elections

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about the upcoming EFGOCM elections.

2018 Pan-Orthodox Music Symposium

For those interested in Orthodox liturgical music from around the world, to share and discuss various topics related to church music.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

New Divine Liturgy Hymnal

The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians and the Department of Religious Education have produced a new Divine Liturgy Hymnal for congregational singing with music and the new official English translation.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Choir Rosters

Choir Directors - a roster of your parish's Church Musicians from the EFGOCM Database will be sent to you in the near future.

Listserv Message from May 21, 2018

Please review and make all necessary changes to bring it up to date.
Please return to our database manager,
Susan Karcanes by email (susank622@verizon.net) or regular mail: **65
Fairmount Avenue Clifton, NJ 07011**

[CLICK HERE](#) for a complete explanation of the federation's Listserv email service.

[**Choir Directors:** Please forward this message to your Choir Members, Priests, and Psaltai who have not subscribed to the EFGOCM listserv and encourage them to subscribe.](#)

In Christ,

Nicholas Kyrus

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