IT'S CONFERENCE TIME AGAIN. Hi everyone, yes, we are quickly approaching our 2018 Conference and it's going to be a very special one, for sure!

Our hosts at St. Nektarios in Palatine, IL have put together a TERRIFIC event. After many years of absence of our youth choirs, the children of our metropolis will be joining us for the weekend. They have their own schedule, director, accompanist and activities but will join us for joint rehearsals and our big night out at Medieval Times.

As you know by now, we are singing the newly approved English translation of the liturgy put to the new musical arrangements of Kevin Lawrence, which our Federation is debuting, using the new "Sira" approved by the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese and directed by Kevin Lawrence, himself! As if these aren't enough "firsts", this will be the first conference with our new Metropolitan Nathanael. We are also bringing back a workshop to the schedule of events during this year's conference. We are most honored to have Nick Maragos present this year's workshop. He will talk to us about vocal technique and how to protect our voices. As you know, Nick is a noted otolaryngologist, talented director and composer. You'll find his workshop to be one of many highlights at this year's conference. Calling all choir directors!

There will also be a Director's Roundtable Luncheon during the conference. Be sure to attend the conference and participate in discussions that affect all of our directors and choirs. What an historic and memorable conference this will be. Please make every effort to join us and be part of this very special event. If you have ever longed to attend a conference and sing music that you can take back to your choir to use, this IS the music for you. Books are available now. They contain Greek and English side by side including many hymns in a variety of modes.
and it is a very complete work. The translation matches the new pew books too.

You will also be receiving the annual service update from Rena Meintanis. Please be sure to take the time to update your choir member's years of service so they can be duly recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the conference.

We awarded our first Michael B. Petrovich Scholarship this Spring! Elena Stavropoulos was the recipient. Elena is a very talented and "church-centric" individual. We are confident Elena will put her God given talents to good use at her parish of St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines, IL and in our metropolis. We wish her all the best in her studies in piano and vocal performance and composition at Northern Illinois University.

We are also working on a number of additional projects. We are working on a concert, showcasing our metropolis talent, as a fund raiser for our organization. We continue to perform Flash Choirs, the last one being at Sts. Constantine and Helen in Rockford, IL. Stay tuned for announcements regarding our next Flash Choir. If you are interested in having us come to your church please let us know. We would be happy to join you! Our Federation was represented in the Greek Independence Day Parade. We rode on the Greek Islands restaurant float. I would like to extend our very special thanks to Gus and Barbara Couchell for allowing us to be a part of their float. We are also very excited about the prospect of expanding the scope of the Oratorical Festival held in our metropolis to include sacred music. While it is not part of the national Oratorical Festival, it would be a very important part of our Metropolis's event and an excellent program to attract our youth. We are also working on a Conductor's Academy Curriculum Guidebook, originally compiled by the National Forum. Our hope is to provide a useful tool to our current and future choir directors. As you can see, your Federation board is constantly trying to find ways to expand our footprint and engage our members in a variety of ways. They are very hard working individuals, volunteering their time and talent to make our music ministry an integral part of this metropolis.

Have a great rest of your summer and look forward to seeing you ALL in October at the conference!

Nicholas Chimitris
President

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To place your Kevin Lawrence book order
Send $25.00 plus $5.00 (20%) Shipping per book to:

National Forum
C/O Lucy Pappadakes
136 Hickory Nut Lane
Mount Holly, NC 28120-9580
lucy_38@hotmail.com

Checks Payable to the National Forum

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Remaining Rehearsals:
Thursday, August 30, 7:30 pm Holy Apostles, Westchester, IL
Saturday, September 13, 7:30 pm St. Nectarios Palatine, IL
Thursday, September 27, 7:30 pm Holy Apostles
Federation Flash Choir travels to Rockford

Members of the Federation Choir traveled to Rockford, Illinois to worship with the SS Constantine and Helen parish Sunday, July 29th. The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Reverend Father Peter Sarolas. Choir Federation members plus additional members of their families made the trip to northern Illinois. Singers from as far away as Minneapolis, St. Louis and Hammond came together to augment the local choir. The SS Constantine and Helen choir members included Anna Cortez, Helen Dierks, Matione Moshonas - Fulfer, Anne Panos and Helene Polemikos. The Church Psalti were John Polemikos and Ted Abbgy.

The Flash Choir members were led by Federation President, Nick Chimitris. Other attendees included Christine Chimitris, Katie Chimitris, Audrey Polite-Covello and Rhea Lindemann from St. Demetrios, Hammond; Vice President Rena Meintanis, Secretary Maria Meintanis and Sue Nelson from All Saints, Joliet; Denise Karras and Diana Ott from St. Nicholas, St. Louis; Elena Biessener from St. Mary, Minneapolis; George Panagopoulos, Melita Green and Helen Tsaggaris from St. Basil, Chicago; Georgia and Stavros Fountoulakis, Treasurer Joanne Volakakis and guest director, Nick Paloumpis from Holy Apostles, Westchester.

The Divine Liturgy, chanted primarily in English, allowed the choir to sing the arrangements of Kevin Lawrence a capella. This music will also be featured at the 61st Annual Choir Conference October 5-7, 2018, hosted at St. Nectarios in Palatine, IL.

The SS Constantine and Helen parishioners were wonderful hosts. An Altar Boy commented that the choir sounded like Angels. Another parishioner stood up from her pew and asked the choir to come back every week.

Members of the Federation Board arrived Saturday for their summer board meeting. Reverend Father Nicholas Greanias, from Annunciation church in Kankakee and George Panagopoulos made presentations to the board for the 2019 Federation calendar. St. Basil will be the 2019 conference host. Father Greanias proposed an idea that is sure to bring a lot of excitement to the General Assembly Meeting. Stay Tuned!
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61st Annual Church Music Conference
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Dear Fellow Church Musicians,

Welcome to our 61st Annual Church Music Conference! Our parish priest, Reverend Father Peter G. Balkas, our choir and the entire parish of St. Nectarios are looking forward to the blessing of hosting all of you on October 5-7, 2018!

This is an exceptional and exciting conference as we are celebrating our first conference and Hierarchical Liturgy with His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael. We will also be premiering the new English translation of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom set to music by our guest conductor Kevin Lawrence.

Stacey Cunningham will be our guest conductor for the youth choir, and our guest accompanists are Al Costis for the adult choir and Rosie DeSanto for the youth choir.

The 2018 Church Music Conference events this year will include an exciting Trivia Night/Dancing on Friday evening, dinner and the pageantry and thrills of a medieval tournament at Medieval Times on Saturday night and a lovely lunch hosted by our community on Sunday after Divine Liturgy. The youth conference will take place simultaneously with their own scheduled activities and joint rehearsal times with the adult choir scheduled on Friday and Saturday. All events with the exception of Saturday night at Medieval Times will be at St. Nectarios.

Our host hotel is the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg located at 1800 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Single/Double occupancy for Thursday, October 4-Sunday October 7 is $109.00/night. The phone number is 847.517.6915, fax number is 847.605.8641. Reservations may be made online or through 888.421.1442. When booking your room, mention St. Nectarios Choir Conference. Make plans now to attend and join us in Praising God with the Saints & Angels!
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Liturgy: Divine liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
arranged by Kevin Lawrence  
Director: Kevin Lawrence  
organist: Al Costis

Youth choir Director: Stacey Cunningham  
Organist: Rosie DeSanto  
Conference Site: St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church  
133 S. Roselle Road  
Palatine, IL 60067

Registrations fee: $150.00 before September 10 (no refunds after Sept. 14, 2018)  
$160.00 September 11-15  
$170.00 September 16-October 1  
CD - Cost $15  
Federation Stole Required (adults only)- Cost $18

Host Choir Contact:  
Diakonissa Mary Zaharis  
708.710.9185

stnectarioschoirconference2018@gmail.com

Co-Chairs: Perry Siatis & Michael Brown  
Hotel Deadline: Weds., September 5, 2018  
Registration Deadline: Mon., September 23, 2018  
Ad Book Deadline: Mon., September 10, 2018  
Delegate Form: Sun., September 23, 2018  
Guest Event Tickets: Sun., September 23, 2018

St. Nectarios Church Website: www.stnectariosgoc.org  
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You may download forms from church website. we accept credit cards online. If Paying by Check Make payable to: St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Choir.
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Adult Registration Form

Last Name: ________________________________First Name:_____________________________
Address:_________________________________________________________________________
City:_________________________ State:______ Zip Code:________________________________
Home Phone: (__ __ __) __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ Cell Phone: (__ __ __) __ __ __ - __ __ __ __
Email Address:_________________________________________________________________________
Parish Name:_____________________________ Parish City & State:________________________
Parish Priest:______________________________ Choir Director:___________________________

Voice Part (circle)  First Soprano  Second Soprano  Alto  Tenor  Baritone  Bass

I will be attending the following (please check all that apply):
__  Friday Lunch  __  Friday Dinner  __  Saturday Lunch  __  Saturday Dinner-Medieval Times  __  Sunday Lunch
(missed or committed meals will not affect registration fee)

***Please list any food allergies or other dietary considerations:_____________________________
***We will do our best to accommodate your restrictions within reason. By working with you and being proactive early on we hope to facilitate a wonderful experience for you at our conference. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Conference CD:
__  I wish to purchase a CD for $15.00 under a separate order form not included in this registration packet.

Registration Fee (register by September 10): $150.00 (No Refunds After September 14, 2018)
Late Registration Fee (after September 16): $160.00
Late Registration Fee (after September 23): $170.00

CHOOSE METHOD OF PAYMENT
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EMAIL: Questions? stnectarioschoirconference2018@gmail.com
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Youth Registration Form

Youth Singer Name_________________________ Birthdate________ Gender: M/F Age___
Parent/Guardian ________________________________________ Cell: _____________________________
Parent/Guardian _____________________________________ Cell: ________________________________
Home Address __________________________________________________________________________
Number & Street City State Zip
Alternate Emergency Contact_________________ Cell/Home Phone __________________________

I will be attending the following (please check all that apply):

______Friday Lunch _____ Friday Dinner_____ Saturday _____ Lunch _____ Saturday Dinner-Medieval Times
(children must be accompanied by parent/guardian) _____Sunday Lunch

(Missed or omitted meals will not affect the registration fee)

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Conference CD: The CD is optional and is not included in the registration fee.

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Registration Fee (register by September 10): $50.00 (No Refunds after September 14, 2018) Late Registration Fee
(after September 10): $60.00 Late Registration Fee (after September 16): $70.00

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I hereby give permission for the above named child to participate in the 61st Annual Choir Conference being held at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 133 S. Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois 60067 from October 5th-7th, 2018, and hereby release the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the Metropolis of Chicago and its Church Music Federation, St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, agents, employees, conference staff and members of those organizations from any liability for any accident or injury that may occur during the course of said event, including travel to and from scheduled conference activities at the church, hotel, or other designated sites. I hereby authorize any medical treatment for my child in case of accident or illness. Further my child understands that he/she must abide by all rules of this event. I also accept full responsibility for any charges or damages incurred by my child.

I hereby give permission for any photographs and videos taken during the Event by the Sponsors, the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, or the Archdiocese of the Greek Orthodox Church of America to be used in their printed materials, newsletters, and Internet sites.

Parent/Guardian
Signature____________________________________ Date__________________

- Please Print Name

Here:____________________________________

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Memorials

Please see message below from Nick Chimitris regarding the repose of our beloved Federation Member & Past President, John Douglas.

The funeral for John Douglas will be on Friday, Sept 7, 2018 at 10am at St. Demetrios in Hammond, IN, 7021 Hohman Ave. 46324.

Rehearsal is being held on Wednesday, Sept 5, 2018 at 7pm at St. Demetrios, Hammond. We hope many of our friends and John's friends from throughout the metropolis will join us for the rehearsal and the funeral service. Since attending rehearsal for "out of towners" will be difficult, I have attached the music we will be singing for you. In addition to what is attached, we will also sing Lord I have Cried Unto Thee (Petrovich) and Agios o Theos (Revezoulis). I have not attached these two pieces since all of us have copies of these already. You may want to print and bring music with you. I believe we would have enough of our own copies to supply everyone who attends.

I would like those attending the funeral service to be present at 9 am for a warm up and rehearsal then as people begin to arrive we will sing Lord I Have Cried Unto Thee and the Revezoulis Agios oTheos.

Lastly, please bring your choir robe and federation stole (if you have one). Our loft can get a bit warm, so we will probably only wear the robes when we go downstairs to pay our final respects.

The obituary has not been posted yet. I will send that our when I see it.

I believe that covers everything. I hope many of you will be in attendance to honor a man who's life was his church, choir and federation.

Zoe se imas and Memory Eternal,

Nick Chimitris,+

President

John Peter Douglas

John Peter Douglas, 90, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2018. John was the beloved husband of Elaine Douglas née Marinakos; the loving father of Daphne (Greg) Murzyn, Kristen (Mark) Verchick, Peter (Jeannette) Douglas, Chris Douglas, Anita Douglas, and Dan Barefoot; the loving Papou of nine grandchildren: Megan, Amanda, Joshua, Gabrielle, Eleni, Nicole, Kathryn, Marissa, and Blake; and the loving Great-Papou to Brody, Zachary, and Mabel.

John worked in Research and Production and Technology at Inland Steel for 38 years. He also lectured at Purdue University Calumet in the Chemistry and Physics Department for 30 years. One of John's greatest loves was classical and liturgical music. He directed choir from age 16 and directed the choirs at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and Temple Beth-El, both in Hammond, IN, for 60 years and 24 years respectively. As the president of the Greek Orthodox Choir Federation, John inspired choirs throughout the Midwestern Diocese. Visitation with the family will be on Thursday September 6, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at BURNS-KISH FUNERAL HOME, 8415 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN. A service will be held on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 7021 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN. Interment will be at Memory Lane Cemetery, Crown Point, IN. John will be remembered for his faith in God, his lifetime of service to the Church, and his boundless love for his family. (From Burns Kish Funeral Home)
It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of one of our choir members at St. Spyridon Church in Palos Heights, Mr. George Dervos.

Kyrio Yiorgo had been coming up to choir up until this year. HE WAS 93 years old, still coming up to the choir loft and singing with more energy than all of the choir put together.

Please pass this news on and pray for his soul and for the strength of his wife, Kyria Dina.

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Heights, IL

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