Notes From The Top

So much to do and so little time......that is certainly how this summer has felt. Your Federation has been very busy! Here is look at our activities to date:

Attendance at the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians Annual Presidents Meeting. I traveled to Richmond, VA to attend this important meeting which counsels the national chairman in all areas of interest of the National Forum. The MEFGOX, Chicago and Southeastern Federations also brought along interested young board members to this meeting for the first time, initiated by the Chicago Federation. The MEFGOX, Chicago and Southeastern Federations also brought along interested young board members to this meeting for the first time, initiated by the Chicago Federation of course! George Panagopoulos joined me in representing our Federation.

St John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival. This was the first year that hymnology was added to the competition through the auspices of our Federation. We formulated the guidelines, the library of hymns to be sung and judged the entries. Thanks to our distinguished panel of judges, Diana Ott, George Panagopoulos and Michael Doran who traveled to Town and Country, MO to attend the event, along with me, as chairman of the Metropolis Oratorical Festival music committee and board member and Metropolis Oratorical Festival Chairman, Audrey Polite Covello. The National Forum is very much impressed by this program and will begin investigating the possibility of instituting hymnology at the archdiocesan level, with the Chicago Metropolis taking the lead, of course!

Area rehearsals are full steam ahead. We have had a host of directors putting our choir members through their paces learning the Desby Liturgy which will be sung at the conference this year. Thanks to Marika Panton, Nick Paloumpis, and Georgia Mitchell for their service. Additionally, a very special thanks to our conference director, Valerie Karras, who traveled from St. Louis, MO to direct the latest area rehearsal at St. Basil, our conference site. It was an honor for me to direct the area rehearsal at St. Demetrios in Hammond, IN. Please refer to our web site for the remaining dates and sites of our area rehearsals. Continued on Page 2
Our Flash Choir outreach program has become a huge success!

Sunday, June 30, 2019 – St. Demetrios Church - ELMHURST – Success!!!
We thank Fr. Andrew Georganos, Ieratikos Proistamenos and his choir for the wonderful welcome we received. Over 40 choir members participated in this Liturgy and the 4th of July Salute after the liturgy.
The Choir was directed by Nick Chimitris-St Demetrios/Hammond, IN
Organist: Mary Zaharis-St Nectarios/Palatine, IL
Music: Anastasiou major

Sunday, July 21, 2019
– Assumption Church – HOMER GLEN, IL
Home of the Weeping Icon of St. John the Baptist
Rev. Fr. Sotirios (Sam) Dimitriou
Choir Director: Rena Meintanis – All Saints/Joliet
Organist: Mary Zaharis – St. Nectarios/Palatine
Music: Anastasiou

Sunday, August 18, 2019
– St. George Church – DeKalb
Phone: (815) 758-5731
Fr. Dustin Lyon
Choir Director: George Panagopoulos – St. Basil/Chicago
Organist: Rosemary DeSanto – St. Nicholas/Oak Lawn.

This program has gained the interest of the National Forum and we have been commended for it.

We have just returned from the National Forum annual meeting. The Chicago Federation had the largest delegation present, comprised of Denise Karras, Maria Meintanis, Diana Ott, George Panagopoulos, and myself. Rena Meintanis attended as an alternate delegate. Your Federation was well represented and intricately involved in the many matters brought up over the 4 days of meetings. Many of us were committee heads. Once again, the Chicago Federation takes the lead in a number of National Forum initiatives. The Directors Training Manual which is being compiled by our Federation will now be the prototype for the National Forum’s Directors Development program, chaired by me. The issue of starting, maintaining, growing choirs and choir member development, also under the auspices of my committee, will be using a position paper which I developed and presented at one of our choir conference’s Director’s Roundtable meeting. Denise Karras is the national youth committee chairman for the National Forum and presented a far-reaching and innovative set of goals developed by her committee.

But the summer is not over and more is coming our way. We still have a number of area rehearsals to complete. We will be scheduling a meeting with the National Hellenic Museum in the hopes of offering our services to establish a permanent exhibit of sacred and secular music which our immigrant forefathers brought with them to this country. We will be presenting a workshop on youth initiatives and youth choirs at this year’s Clergy Laity meeting. This is an important first for our Federation. The workshop will be presented by Rena Meintanis, Ruth Faklis and Denise Karras. In addition, I have been asked to provide our annual report of our activities to the Clergy Laity meeting, another first for our Federation.

Finally, let’s not forget our annual conference. This one is going to be really special thanks to the outstanding work the choir of St. Basil is putting in to it. They are determined to offer us the BEST conference ever. That’s a tall order to fill but if anyone can do it, its that group. The location is central, the facility is beautiful with unmatched acoustics. There is a choice of hotels to fit your needs. They are bringing back the Talent Show this year so “get your act together”!

Also on tap is a Greek Glendi on Saturday night. As you know we are singing the Desby Liturgy and is being directed by our own Valerie Karras. We had the pleasure of her company and direction at the last area rehearsal. If that rehearsal is any indication of what Valerie has to offer us for the conference, we are in for a real treat. Please don’t miss this opportunity to work with one of the finest musicians in our Federation….you will regret it if you do.

Finally, there is the Youth Choir Conference, hosted by St. Spyridon, Palos Heights, IL on Nov 9 and 10. We felt it important to provide the youth of our choirs their own conference. Special activities will be on tap for the kids including a trip to Sky Zone! In addition to learning and singing the divine liturgy, a workshop will also be offered. Please refer to the information on our web site and in this issue of our “Choir Loft”

So, apologies for this long laundry list but this is what we do.....we are not a stagnant organization but continue to grow and embrace the future. There are many other projects we work on during the year, as well. Busy times but exciting times, too!

I remain in His serviceNicholas ChimitrisPresident
Pictures from the National Forum Meeting, Houston Texas
Remaining 2019 FLASH CHOIR SCHEDULE
The Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, Chicago Metropolis, will be hosting two Flash-choir events this summer. **You are invited to join us for both – or one – they are totally voluntary.** The purpose of a Flash-choir is to visit churches throughout our Metropolis to support/mentor new Directors, inspire church members to form a choir, offer established Directors the opportunity to conduct Federation members, or just to visit Federation friends, etc.

**Needs:** Bring your choir robe, Federation/Logo Stole (preferred-not mandatory) – Liturgy: Anastasiou (Red Book – there will be some books available to borrow) *please bring your own* if you are able. We will be singing Doxology and Liturgy at both locations.

**Sunday, July 21, 2019 – Assumption Church – HOMER GLEN**
Address: 15625 South Bell Road, Homer Glen, IL *Please arrive by 9:15 a.m.*
Home of the Weeping Icon of St. John the Baptist
Plenty of parking is available at the school just south/next door to the church.
Service Times: Orthos – 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 9:45 a.m.
Phone: (708) 645-0652 Rev. Fr. Sotirios (Sam) Dimitriou
Choir Director: Rena Meintanis – All Saints/Joliet
Organist: Mary Zaharis – St. Nectarios/Palatine

Lunch/following Liturgy: Assumption’s Church Festival – you order and pay for your own meal on site.

*Request for 2020: If your church would be interested in having our Flash-choir volunteers join you for a summer Sunday Liturgy – please contact Federation Board Member - Ruth E. Faklis at rodothea52@hotmail.com.*
Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians
Chicago Metropolis
62nd Annual Church Music Conference

October 4, 5 & 6, 2019
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
733 S. Ashland Ave. Chicago IL 60607
312-243-3738
Dear Fellow Church Musicians,

Welcome to our 62nd Annual Church Musicians Conference!
Our parish priest, Rev. Fr. Dimitri Tobias, our Choir and the entire parish of St. Basil eagerly look forward to hosting all of you for this momentous event.

In 2013, the Parish of St. Basil suffered a devastating fire that left the remains of our infrastructure in peril. Had the inferno lasted another five minutes, the structural integrity of the building itself would have been lost. Due to the quick work and diligence of the Chicago Fire Department, the building was saved. With great effort, and the hard work of our own interior designer John Regas, the interior has maintained many of the original components of the building’s structure.

St. Basil held its first Church Music Choir Conference in October of 1983, directed under the talented hands of now President Nick Chimitris and accompanied by the talented Rosie De Santo. The 2019 Conference will be directed by the respected Valerie Karras, accompanied by our very own concert pianist, Georgia Fragale, at the organ. The conference liturgy will be the composition of Frank Desby, circa 1951.

The 2019 Church Musicians Conference events will include a welcoming night, a talent show on Friday, an evening of Greek and American dancing on Saturday and a luncheon hosted by St. Basil Conference Committee, our Philoptochos Society, and members of our integrated community.

All events will take place at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Ashland Avenue with parking available across the street at the UHC Medical Center. The conference hotels will be Marriot Chicago on Ashland Avenue and Midway Fairfield Inn and Suites.

George Panagopoulos, Chair
Overview

LITURGY: Frank Desby, circa 1951
DIRECTOR: Valerie Karras
ORGANIST: Georgia Pappas Fragale

CONFERENCE SITE: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
733 S. Ashland Avenue
Chicago IL 60607
(312) 243-3738
www.stbasilchicago.org

REGISTRATION FEE: $120.00 - due by September 17, 2019
Senior Rate - $110.00 due by Sept 17, 2019
Student Rate - $65.00 due by Sept 17, 2019
CD price - $15.00
Choir Federation Stole - $18.00

HOST CHOIR CONTACT:
Chairman: George Panagopoulos - 224-500-2888, stbasilchoir@gmail.com
Co-Chair - Melita Green (541) 543-8792, melitios77@live.com
Hotel Liaison - Marcie Papadakis (708) 227-8331, papad315@aol.com
Registration Committee - Sophia Haritos (773) 343-5931, sofieh1@aol.com
Hotel Accommodations  
**Thursday, October 3 – Sunday October 6, 2019**

**Hotel #1**
Fairfield Inn and Suites  
6630 S Cicero Ave  
Bedford Park, IL 60638 (Midway Airport)  
Group Name: Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, Chicago Metropolis

Reserve by phone: (708) 594-0090  
Or online: [https://www.reservationdesk.com/hotel](https://www.reservationdesk.com/hotel)

*Reservations must be made by September 12, 2019 for this rate.*

Rate: $135.00 per night, double occupancy. This includes:
- Complimentary parking
- Breakfast
- Free Wi-Fi

**Hotel #2**
Marriott Chicago – Medical District – 1 block from St. Basil  
625 S. Ashland Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60607  
Group Name: Federation of Church Choirs

Reserve by phone: (312) 491-1234 or 1 (800) 220-9290  
Or online: [https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1553362640474&key=GRP&app=resvlink](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1553362640474&key=GRP&app=resvlink)

*Reservations must be made by September 3, 2019 for this rate.*

Rate: $189.00 per night, double occupancy. This includes:
- Free Wi-Fi
- Shuttle service within 1 mile of hotel
- Breakfast is not included in this price but you may order from the menu between 6:30 am and 11:00 am.

$60/night valet parking (Free parking will also be available at the church)

Questions? Please contact Marcie Papadakis at (708) 227-8331 or papad315@aol.com
# 62nd Annual Church Music Conference
**Friday, October 4, 2019**

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St. Basil Altar Screen 2019
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October 4-6, 2019  
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
Registration Form

Last Name: __________________________ First Name: __________________________
Address: __________________________
City: __________________________ State: ________________ Zip: ________________
Phone: (_____) ______- _______ Cell: (_____) ______- _______

E-mail Address: __________________________
Parish Name: __________________________ Parish City/State: __________________________
Parish Priest: __________________________ Choir Director: __________________________

Voice Part: __________________________

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

______ Thursday Welcome ______ Friday Lunch ______ Friday Dinner

______ Saturday Lunch ______ Saturday Dinner ______ Sunday Lunch

*(Missed or committed meals will not affect the registration price.)*

Please list any food allergies or dietary considerations:

***We will do our best to accommodate your restrictions within reason. By working with you and being proactive early, we hope to facilitate a wonderful experience for you at our conference. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Registration fee, $120.00 due by September 17, 2019
Registration fee, Senior 60+ $110.00 due by September 17, 2019
Registration fee, Student $65.00 due by September 17, 2019

Choir Federation stole- $18.00CD price- $15.00

**Methods of payment will be check or cash:**
Make check payable to: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

Mail to: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
733 S. Ashland Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60607  
Attn: Choir

Questions: stbasilchoir@gmail.com, George Panagopoulos: 224-500-2888 Payment can be made at the area rehearsals.
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Guest Meal Request Form

Name of Registered Conference Participant

Name of Guest/Guests

Please Make a list of Allergies or Dietary Considerations

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***Non-Refundable***

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Mail Check or bring cash or check to area Rehearsals with this form

Mail to: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, Attn: Choir  
733 S. Ashland Ave.  
Chicago, IL  60607
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AD Book

Dear Fellow Choir Member,

The annual conference AD book helps to underwrite host choir's expenses.  
Please consider the following when purchasing an AD:

* honoring a parish priest, choir director, organist, chanter or choir member
* an AD in memory of a loved one who served in the choir
* submit an AD with your choir picture
* submit an AD for your church
* pictures of conferences your church has hosted in the past

Church musicians are a cornerstone of our liturgical tradition. The Federation has served as a central hub offering conferences, educational seminars and assistance to all churches within the Chicago Metropolis for 62 years. It is here that together we can learn new liturgies, experience techniques of visiting directors, network and support one another as musicians, as we join in serving our church and its holy traditions.

The AD book will be distributed at the conference. The cost of an AD is the same as it was in previous years to make it possible for everyone to show their support for our church musicians. An AD contract is enclosed. Please complete the form and return it with your payment as instructed. The deadline for submission is September 15, 2019.

We look forward to receiving your ad soon!

Thank you!

St. Basil Choir

stbasilchoir@gmail.com
AD Book Contract

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: _______
Phone: (________) ______- _______
Cell Phone: (________) ______- _______
Email Address: ____________________________

All levels of support are greatly appreciated! Please check your preferred level.

Patron: $25.00 (name will appear on list
Quarter Page (4-1/2" x 2-1/2"): $50.00
Half Page (4-1/2" x 5-1/2"): $75.00
Full Page: (8-1/2" x 5-1/2"): $125.00
Inside Front cover: $200.00 Back Cover: $200.00

If you would like us to design your AD, please print your sentiment below:

________________________________________________________________________
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Please provide photos or graphics to include in the AD.
On photograph per AD and 24 words per AD. Please e-mail it as a JPEG file.

**NOTE:** We regret that we cannot return any materials submitted.
E-mail your AD copy to: stbasilchoir@gmail.com

Please make your check payable to *St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church*

Mail to: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, ATTN: Choir
733 S. Ashland Ave.,
Chicago IL 60070

***DUE BY SEPT. 15, 2019***
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Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians – Metropolis of Chicago
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

OFFICIAL DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM
(REQUIRED FOR REPRESENTATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

NOTE: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY OCTOBER 4, 2019 FROM 5PM-6PM

******PLEASE PRINT******

PARISH NAME: ____________________________

PARISH STREET ADDRESS: ____________________________

PARISH CITY/STATE/ZIP: ____________________________

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SIGNATURE OF PARISH PRIEST: ____________________________

PRINTED NAME: ____________________________

SIGNATURE OF CHOIR DIRECTOR: ____________________________

PRINTED NAME: ____________________________

MAKE 3 COPIES OF THIS FORM. BRING ONE COPY WITH YOU TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MAIL THE OTHER TWO COPIES, ALONG WITH YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION PACKET, TO:

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
733 S. Ashland Ave.
Chicago IL 60607
Attn: Choir

ONLY CHOIRS OF PARISHES IN “GOOD STANDING” ARE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR STEWARDSHIP MEMBERSHIP IS UP TO DATE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT ONLY DELEGATES OR THEIR ALTERNATES ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE. YOU MAY CONFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS BY CONTACTING FEDERATION TREASURER, JOANNE VOLAKAKIS, PHONE: (312) 371-6019 OR joannevolakakis@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
Have a great and productive meeting!
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Choir Federation Conference Chicago-area 2019 Rehearsal Schedule

The Choir Federation Board has established the following Chicago-area rehearsal schedule to prepare for singing the Liturgy composed by Frank Desby at the Annual Conference on October 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2019.

The Chicago-area rehearsals are at various locations listed below.

All rehearsals start at 7:00 pm.

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JOIN US FOR THE 2019 YOUTH CHOIR CONFERENCE

WHEN: Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10, 2019 – Hold the Date!

WHERE: St. Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church, 12307 S. Ridgeland in Palos Heights, IL

WHO: Youth from 3rd grade through High School are invited to participate

DIRECTOR: Nicky Glikis, Director of Sr. and Jr. Choirs at St. Spyridon. Nicky holds a Masters in Music Education and is a Choral Music Teacher in Oak Lawn/Hometown School District 123 in Illinois. She’s looking forward to working with the Young Adults and youngsters of our Metropolis.

WHAT: The events are still in the planning stages but the schedule will include....

- Youth (Jr. High thru 3rd Grade) from our CHICAGO METROPOLIS [IA, IL, IN, MN, MO, WI] are invited to join together for the weekend.
- FRIDAY evening we will host a ‘mingling’ event for those arriving early.
- If you’re coming in from out of town - we’ve secured the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel at 5000 W. 127th St. in Alsip. This is about 7 minutes from the Church. The rate will be $109 per night for Friday and Saturday.
- SATURDAY we will be practicing from 9:30 to 4 p.m. with breaks and lunch provided. That evening we will provide a dinner and special event!
- SUNDAY the youth choir members will sing the Divine Liturgy led by Metropolitan Nathanael. A brunch will follow which will be open to the community as well.
- REGISTRATION FEE: $15 per participant – which will include a free tote bag filled with goodies to keep – and a music book to borrow for the weekend.
- A complete Registration Packet will be available by Penticost Sunday – contact Ruth E. Faklis (rodotea52@hotmail.com) or ask your Priest.

SPREAD THE WORD...TO YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS, GREEK SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT CHILDREN.....No experience necessary!!!
Dear Members of the National Forum’s CHURCH MUSIC list,

Once again, I am writing you with great sadness as we mourn the loss of another giant among our church musicians this year. Today we are mourning Constantine (“Dean”) Limberakis who unexpectedly fell asleep in the Lord yesterday (Tuesday) morning after a short hospital stay over the weekend. He was 91 years old, still active, working, directing, driving, joking, until this past weekend.

It is difficult to think of all that Dean meant to us, there is so much – good and generous friend and family member, longtime choir director, loving teacher and mentor, consummate performer and producer, and also composer, guest director and clinician, classic and witty Bostonian --- all in all, a dedicated Orthodox Christian, the epitome of church musicianship at its best.

Dean was the longest serving choir director in our Archdiocese, serving almost 75 years at the helm of Orthodox choirs, both in Greek Orthodox and Antiochian parishes. Most recently, he served as Director of Music at the Annunciation Cathedral of Boston for the past 30 years. Dean also served as President of the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Church Musicians for 20 years and was more recently named its President Emeritus.

He was active in the leadership of the National Forum from the time he attended his first meeting with us during the Clergy-Laity Congress in Atlanta in 1989. Since then, he chaired the Awards Committee, responsible for the creation of the medals and medallions we still bestow on deserving church musicians, and other public relations products. From the time he was appointed an Adjunct Professor in 1989 and then in 2008 as Director of Music for Hellenic College and Holy Cross, Dean served as the Forum’s liaison to the School. While there, he became a beloved mentor to the seminarians and was key to the implementation of our Graduating Seminarian Awards. He also played a significant role during the construction and completion of the National Forum Church Music Room at the Archbishop Iakovos Library. He was a Life Member of the Forum.

Dean often served the Forum as its liturgical consultant for the massed choirs which sang at many Clergy-Laity Congresses and served as Guest Director himself several times. Most recently, he completed the first liturgical setting for choirs that used the Archdiocese’s new standard English translation, which he debuted and conducted at the Nashville Clergy-Laity Congress in 2016.

For all his many good works, far too numerous to mention here, Dean was awarded the St. Romanos Medallion for Exemplary National Service in Church Music in 1992. He was also named Archon Primikiri of the Order of St. Andrew by the Archdiocese in 1997 and was the recipient of its prestigious Medals of St. Paul and St. Andrew as well as the Archbishop’s Years of Service Award for Chior Directors.

Dean’s funeral was held on Monday, June 17th at 10 am at the Annunciation Cathedral, 514 Parker Street in Boston. Visiting hours were be on Sunday, June 16th, also at the Cathedral. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dean's memory may be made to the Cathedral. Burial was be held in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA. Many Choir members attended and sang at Dean's funeral.

There was a wake for Dean at the Annunciation Cathedral in Boston on Sunday afternoon, June 16th with a Trisaghion. Dean’s funeral was on Monday morning at 11:00 am, again at the Cathedral. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios presided with-Father Demetrios Tonias, Dean of the Cathedral, among others.

Condolences may be sent to Paul Cassatari and his sisters Andra and Carrie at his home address: 375 Broadway SPC367, Linnfield, MA 01940.

Words cannot express our sense of profound loss – we join the many friends, clergy, seminarians, faculty and staff members, choir members and chanters who are mourning him. While we know that he has joined so many others in the choirs of angels in the heavens, we also feel how deeply we will miss his presence among us.

We say with love to our Dean --- well done, good and faithful servant – may your memory be eternal!

A full biography is attached. The obituary can be found at https://www.faggas.com/obituary/constantine-dean-limberakis.

Vicki
Constantine "Dean" Limberakis received his B.M. and M.M.Ed. degrees in Music Education from Boston University, College of Fine Arts, with minors in Voice and Conducting and was also certified in INTEGRATED CREATIVE ARTS from Fitchburg State University (Massachusetts). He was a veteran of WWII (Military Police and Honor Guard for the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan) and the Korean Conflict (Special Service Armed Forces) --- where he created a weekly half-hour radio broadcast, a religious program for the troops on the front lines and touring with a Soldiers’ Troop Variety Show as conductor, show manager, and producer. This variety show was performed for the troops on the front lines.

Upon retiring in 1989 after 36 years as an administrator and teacher in Music Education in the public schools of Massachusetts, he was appointed Adjunct Instructor for Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and Director of Special Projects as designated by the President of Hellenic College and Holy Cross. In 2008, he was appointed Director of Music for Hellenic College and Holy Cross by Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafillou, President of Hellenic College and Holy Cross. Along with his teaching, he was also Director of Career Services, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Manager of Food Services, Director of Housing, Purchasing Agent and assisting and coordinating special festivities, events, and conferences.

Dean was a member of the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association for some 20 years; wrote a weekly music column for the Lowell Sun during the 60’s; was liaison for the Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education; in 1970, founded the Massachusetts Administrators in Music Education; was a member of the American Association for Advancement of the Humanities and the Council for Basic Education; was founder and artistic director of community choruses, concert bands, and orchestral societies in the Greater Boston area; was a member of the Regional College Board ad hoc committee to except high school art and music credits for college entrance applicants; and served as guest conductor, lecturer, adjudicator, clinician, writer, and composer/arranger at both regional and national levels. In 2011, he celebrated his 58 years as an Administrator in Music Education, teacher, and lecturer. He was a Life Member of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association, the National Music Educators Conference, and the American Choral Directors Association.

Mr. Limberakis was a choirmaster of children’s, juniors’, young adults’, and adult/senior choirs for some 67 years; was President for some 20 years of The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians and named President Emeritus by the Federation Council. Since 1989 he had been the Choirmaster for the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England in the Metropolis of Boston.

He was also a Life Member of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians and served on the Executive and Presidents’ Council and the Committee on Music Education, and was presently on the committee for Public Relations and Awards, liaison for Hellenic College and Holy Cross, and one of the three consultants for Liturgical Music that is selected, evaluated, and coordinated for Clergy-Laity Archdiocesan Congresses.

Dean was the recipient of many awards: Patriarch Elias IV of Antioch Medallion, Antiochian Archdiocesan Citation for contributions made to the Church Music Ministry and Liturgical Life; Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan St. Paul and St. Andrew Medals, Archdiocesan Years of Service Medal (as Choirmaster), National Forum St. Romanos Medallion Choirmaster for outstanding contributions to the Liturgical Life and its Church Music Ministry, His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston Ministry Laity Cross, the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians 50 Years-Plus Award as
In 1997, he was named to the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle of the Ecumenical Patriarchate as Archon Primikirios. In October of 2001, he was appointed Director of the Liturgical Music Ministry for the Metropolis of Boston; and in 2005, was one of five, from all of the religious denominations, who received the National Religious Music Week Alliance Award of Distinction for developing and maintaining one of our nation’s finest Worship Music Ministry; and in 2007 received the Archbishop Iakovos Distinguished Service Award.

He was also the founder and artistic director of the Pan-Orthodox Chorale of Greater Boston, which existed for some ten years. Dean was currently compiling a handbook of articles entitled “What You Should Know About the Male and Female Voices: Techniques and Rehearsal Procedures.”

Mr. Limberakis was guest conductor for various Choir Federation Conferences in the Metropolises; the 300-voice choir for the 1988 Clergy-Laity Congress Hierarchal Liturgy held in Boston; the 1990; the 250-voice choir for the Patriarchal Liturgy held in Boston during the visit of His All Holiness Patriarch Demetrios, and the 100-voice Metropolis of Boston Choir and Brass Ensemble for the convocation held at Tufts University for the honorary doctorate bestowed upon His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew.
Dear Members of the National Forum’s CHURCH MUSIC list,

It is with much sadness to convey this news of the falling asleep of noted composer and Greek Orthodox church musician, +Ted Bogdanos. Ted was hospitalized last week and was thought to be rallying, but sometime Sunday night, he succumbed. He was 86 years old.

Ted will be lovingly remembered by us for many things – his beautiful liturgical music liturgies and compositions, for sure, but also for the tremendous work he did to provide other resources for church musicians. Those include his “Hymnology and Order” compilation of all the feast day hymns of the liturgical year and his monumental work with George Demos, also of blessed memory, the English translation of the Violakis Typikon.

Ted was known for his eloquence, his powers of persuasion, and his love and knowledge of the Greek language and its poetry. He was an Orthodox church musician of the highest order, loving and serving his Church, its words, and its hymnography with passion and with grace.

In 1980, in recognition of his contributions towards Orthodox church music, Ted was one of the first group of Greek Orthodox church musicians to be awarded the St. Romanos Medallion for Exemplary National Contributions to Church Music in the Archdiocese of America. Ted was also named an Archon of the Order of St. Andrew in 1982, again among the first of church musicians to receive this great honor.

Ted's funeral was held at Ascension Cathedral in Oakland, California, where he served as choir director for so many years. A Trisagion was held at the Cathedral on Thursday evening.

Donations in memory of Ted may be made to the Ascension Cathedral, the Metropolis of Denver Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, or to the National MS Society.

For more information about his legacy, Ted’s obituary is available at this website:

https://m.legacy.com/obituaries/eastbaytimes/obituary.aspx?n=theodore-bagdanos&pid=192818731&referrer=0&preview=True

Messages may be sent to his wife, Helene, and the family at this address:

1063 Oakes Blvd.
San Leandro, CA 94577

We will miss Ted, but his music and his messages will live on. May his memory be eternal!

Vicki