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A CONFERENCE NOT TO BE MISSED! ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL IN SPRINGFIELD, MA TO HOST MBFGOCM CONFERENCE

2012! - The vibrant St. George Cathedral Community in Springfield, MA is very excited to be hosting one of the most highly anticipated Federation Conferences in recent years. Under the superb leadership of Conference Chairman Rev. Fr. Chris Stamas, the St. George Choir and Conference Committee have been working hard in planning the events for the upcoming weekend. Christina Polizos, long-time Choir Director of the Annunciation Cathedral of Atlanta, GA will be our guest conductor and St. George Cathedral's own James Evangeliou will accompany the Conference Choir on the Cathedral's magnificent pipe organ. During local rehearsals the choir loft has been filled with enthusiastic choir members and the sound they make is nothing less than stunning.

Why is this year's Conference not to be missed?

Here are but a few reasons: **1. The Church.** St. George Cathedral is a magnificent building, built in 1866 as Memorial Church (a Congregationalist Church), a Gothic gray granite building designed by the well-known architect Upjohn of New York City in a design reminiscent of one of England's old churches. It was purchased by the St. George Greek Orthodox Community in 1940 and has been lovingly maintained in pristine condition. **2. The Community.** The St. George Cathedral parish consists of a warm and close-knit community who value hospitality and fellowship above all else. They are ready to open their arms to the Conference participants from throughout New England and beyond for this event. **3. The Conductor.** Christina Polizos from Atlanta, GA, our Conference guest conductor, is not only a very accomplished musician, she is a very special person with a warm personality and a gentle conducting style who knows how to get the most out of the choirs she directs. We are truly very blessed to have her with us this year. **4. The Music.** *The Holy Liturgy of the Greek Orthodox Church* by Triante C. Kefalas is a magnificent piece of work that the Metropolis of Boston Federation is thrilled to reintroduce to the choirs of our Metropolis. Mr. Kefalas has a long and important history within our Metropolis, having been given the title of "Organizer of Choirs in New England" he was entrusted with fifteen choirs. The music is both simple yet rich with Byzantine flavor and profoundly beautiful. We are excited to be singing it in the beautiful setting of St. George Cathedral with its superb acoustics and historic pipe organ. **5. The Pipe Organ.** The expansive choir loft in the Cathedral features a meticulously maintained pipe organ with a truly beautiful sound that supports the choir from behind. St. George's own organist for 25 years, James Evangeliou will serve as our Conference guest organist, a true master of the instrument.

If you are planning to attend, we look forward to seeing you in November. If not, please reconsider. There is still time to register and be a part of something truly special!



St. George Cathedral - Springfield, MA

MBFGOCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012

Conference Dates

Friday, November 2 through Sunday, November 4, 2012

Host Parish

St. George Cathedral,
22 St. George Road, Springfield, MA

Celebrant

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston

Conference Chairman

Rev. Fr. Chris Stamas, Priest

Music

The Holy Liturgy of the Greek Orthodox Church
by Triante C. Kefalas

Guest Conductor

Christina Polizos - Annunciation Cathedral, Atlanta, GA

Guest Organist

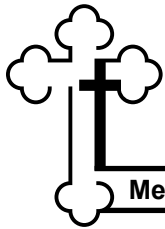
James Evangeliou - St. George Cathedral, Springfield, MA

Guest Youth Conductor

Joan Lalikos Marcil - St. George Cathedral, Springfield, MA

Hotel Information

The Hilton Garden Inn
800 Hall of Fame Avenue, Springfield, MA 01105
Telephone: (413) 886-8000



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CHRISTINA POLIZOS - MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2012 GUEST CONDUCTOR - Christina



Christina Polizos

Polizos is presently in her 25th year of conducting the Annunciation Cathedral Choir of Atlanta, Georgia. An Atlanta native, Mrs. Polizos has taught music in the public school system for over 20 years at both elementary and high school levels. She has a Bachelor of Music Degree and a Master of Music Degree from Georgia State University where she studied voice with renowned contralto, Florence Kopleff.

Mrs. Polizos had the privilege of singing with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus under the direction of the late choral master, Robert Shaw. In 1988 she sang with the ASO Chorus on its European Debut tour. The 340 members of both the Atlanta Symphony Chorus and Symphony Orchestra represented the largest performing arts ensemble to travel from the United States to Europe. She participated with the ASO Chorus in many recordings, several of which were awarded a Grammy for Best Choral Performance in the field of Classical Music.

Mrs. Polizos directed special choirs on the occasion of His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew's visit to Atlanta in 1997 and again in 2009. She also directed the choir for the enthronement of His Grace, the late Bishop Philip of Troas to the Diocese of Atlanta, and for the elevation of His Eminence

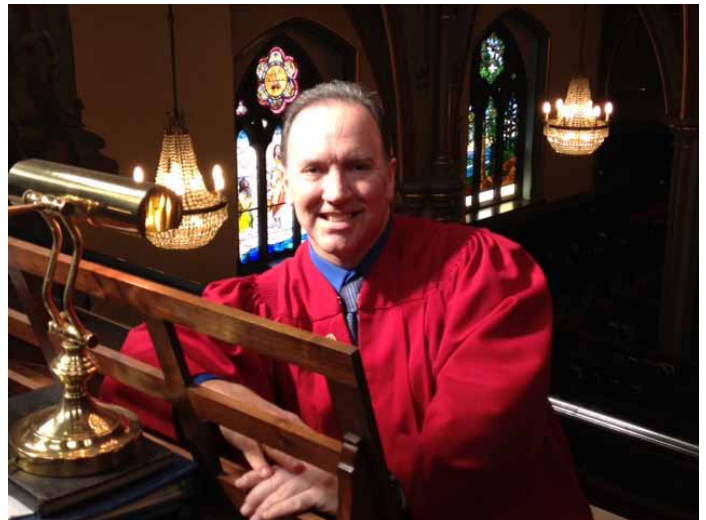
Metropolitan Alexios as Metropolitan for the Metropolis of Atlanta. Most recently she directed the Clergy Laity Choir for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in Atlanta on July 4, 2010. She received the Patriarch Athenagoras Medallion during the 2012 Southeastern Federation Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina this past July.

Mrs. Polizos lives in Atlanta with her husband, Victor. They have two children, Georgea and Constantine. When she is not conducting choirs or teaching music, she enjoys reading, cooking, traveling and researching family genealogy.

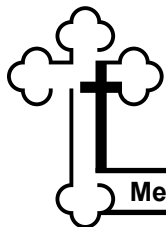
JAMES EVANGGELIOU - MBFGOCM CONFERENCE 2012 GUEST ORGANIST

James Evangelgiou was born in 1964 in Shreveport Louisiana. His parents Greg and Tina moved their family to Chicopee, Massachusetts when he was a young boy. James served as an altar boy and played the organ at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Chicopee. He studied music as a young boy and continued his organ studies with James Maes, a prominent Organist in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He has an Associate degree in music from Holyoke Community College. He was the organist at a Christian Science Church and at a Catholic Church before coming back to his roots in 1987.

James is currently the Organist at St. George Cathedral located in Springfield, Massachusetts. He has been the Organist there for 25 years where he works with Choir Director Joan Lalikos Marcil. He plays on Sundays, on major Feast Days and he plays for Weddings. He has participated in several Sunday of Orthodoxy and Pan Orthodox services over the years. He also participates in the annual Christmas Concert to benefit the American Cancer Society. This past June he was the featured accompanist at the Metropolis of Boston Ministry Awards Banquet in Randolph, Massachusetts along with soloist Joan Lalikos Marcil.



James Evangelgiou



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2012 MBFGOCM MEMBERSHIP - 2012 is coming to a close and many of us are preparing for fall events and the holidays with our family and friends. The Metropolis of Boston Federation continues to work to plan for upcoming events such as the annual MBFGOCM Conference at St. George Cathedral in Springfield, MA in November, the joint Christmas Concert with Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and the Church Music Institute (CMI) planned for the spring. Details are being finalized for the Recognition Awards to honor church musicians for their years of service, the Patriarch Athenagoras Medallion honoring service on the Metropolis level, the St. John of Damascus Award honoring service at the parish level, and the Scholarship Committee is reviewing applications for the MBFGOCM Scholarship, all to be awarded at the annual Conference. Stewardship from the parishes of the Metropolis is your Federation's primary source of revenue. Please note that parishes must be in good standing in order to vote at the Federation Council meeting during the November Conference. Please don't delay in sending in your membership for 2012!

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MBFGOCM SCHOLARSHIP FUND! - The MBFGOCM Scholarship is completely funded by your generous contributions. Please consider supporting the fund and our young Church Musicians by returning the form below along with your generous donation!

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Pledge: \$ _____

Received from: _____
(name and address)

In honor / memory of: _____
(circle one)

Please make checks payable to: **MBFGOCM Scholarship Fund**
and mail to: Sophia Argeros, 8 Stagecoach Lane, Lynnfield, MA 01940

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CALENDAR

Please send us your dates to add to the Calendar.

2012

Oct. 28 Conference 2012 Area Music Rehearsal
Sunday - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church
29 Central Street, Somerville, MA

Nov. 2-4 MBFGOCM Conference 2012
St. George Cathedral
22 St. George Road, Springfield, MA

Dec. 9 HC/HC Chorale / MBFGOCM Christmas Concert
Maliotis Center (on the campus of Hellenic College)
More details/rehearsals to follow

2013

Nov. 1-3 MBFGOCM Conference 2013
Submit your bids!

**HAS YOUR PARISH SENT
IN ITS 2012 MBFGOCM
MEMBERSHIP FORM AND
STEWARDSHIP?**

**MAKE SURE TO SUBMIT
YOUR STEWARDSHIP TODAY!**

**To submit information for the
Mini Acouste Key:**

Send to
George Theodossiou
E-mail: gtheodossiou@msn.com
Deadline Date: October 29, 2012



MBFGOCM Annual Conference

St. George Cathedral

Springfield, MA

November 2-4, 2012

MBFGOCM Conference 2012 Registration Form

- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY -

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME/CELL PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

PARISH NAME: _____ CITY/STATE: _____

Please circle your singing part and/or position

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass / Choir Member Director Organist Psalti

Are you a Delegate for your Parish? Yes _____ No _____

Please note: Your parish must be a member in good standing prior to the Conference

Do you have a guest attending the Conference? Yes _____ No _____

Please fill out Guest Meal Order Form below

Banquet Meal Selection (*please circle one*) Haddock & Chicken Vegetarian

Registration:

Adult Registration Fee (*all meals included*) \$ 115.00

Youth Registration Fee (*all meals included*) \$ 36.00

Guest Meal Order Form: For Non-registered participants

Friday Dinner x \$10.00 ea. = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast x \$ 5.00 ea. = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch x \$10.00 ea. = \$ _____

Saturday Banquet x \$25.00 ea. = \$ _____ Haddock & Chicken *or* Vegetarian

Sunday Lunch x \$23.00 ea. = \$ _____

Total enclosed (registration and guest meals): \$ _____

Please make check payable to: St. George Cathedral with *2012 Conference* in the memo section

Mail completed form with check to:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

MBFGOCM Conference Registration

22 St. George Road, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104

- Early registration would be greatly appreciated in order to prepare for catered events -

**In order to have your name included in the official Conference Book,
we would appreciate your registration by October 24.**

The full registration package along with up-to-date Conference information is available on the Metropolis of Boston Federation Web site
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