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**NATHANAEL OF CHICAGO**



The talent our Lord has given each of you to use your voices in singing the sacred hymns within our divine services, certainly provides all the faithful with a heavenly and transcendent liturgical experience. It is your sacred talent which contribute to our communities' capability to offer strong and vibrant praises to God.

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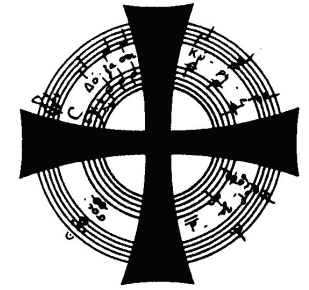
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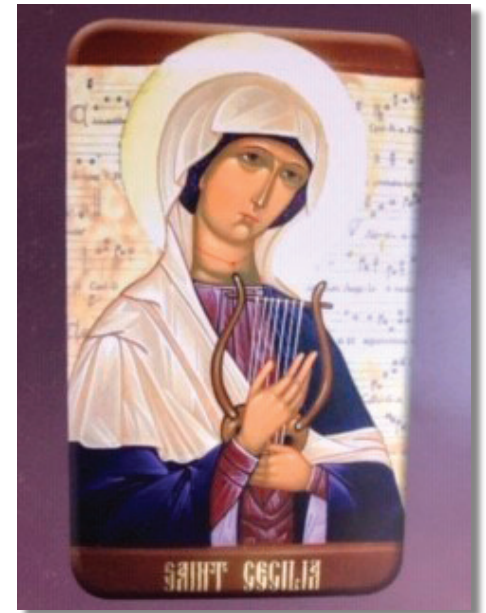
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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord"

*Colossians 3:16*



## METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

### Mission Statement

1. To provide spiritual uplifting and fellowship for both the choir members and congregation through choral singing.
2. To promote the study of Greek Orthodox Divine Liturgy, Vesper Service, and other services of the Church and other sacred and secular works.

### Programs and Activities

- Annual Choir Conference
- Workshops at Annual Adult Choir Conference
- Annual “Flash Choir “ visits
- Annual Youth Choir Conference
- “The Choir Loft” is our quarterly newsletter and can be found on our website
- Oratorical Festival Hymnology Program
- Church Musician Institutes (CMIs)
- Presenting workshops at Metropolis Clergy Laity
- Michael B. Petrovich Music Scholarship
- Participation in the National Forum (Archdiocese Church Music Ministry)

### Flash Choir Program

The purpose of the Flash Choir is to visit churches throughout the Chicago Metropolis to support parishes which either do not have an established choir, have a fledgling or struggling choir, or only have a part time choir which does not sing on a regular basis, in order to inspire and attract congregants to form a choir or further develop the music ministries in their parish.

Since the program’s inception we have held our first Flash Choir in 2016 at St. Basil’s in Chicago, another two Flash Choirs in 2017 at Annunciation, Kankakee, IL, and St. Iakovos, Valparaiso, IN. We held one in 2018 at Sts. Constantine and Helen in Rockford, IL and three in 2019 at St. Demetrios, Elmhurst, IL, Assumption in Homer Glen, IL and St. George in DeKalb, IL. We plan on holding two or three Flash Choirs annually each summer when most Chicago parish choirs do not sing.



### Youth Music Program

This is a major Federation effort to encourage youth participation in the music ministry of the Church. The Chicago Federation hosts an Annual Youth Conference. It is certainly a more abbreviated conference than the adult conference. Yet, the youth conference learns an arrangement of the St. John Chrysostom Liturgy and rehearses on Saturday of the conference and then sings the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on conference Sunday. Social events and workshops are also offered over the conference weekend.

### Michael B. Petrovich Music Scholarship

In 2017 the Federation established the Michael B. Petrovich Scholarship. A \$500 scholarship is available to college bound students of the Chicago Metropolis declaring an approved area of music as their major as is described in the scholarship guidelines.



### Stewardship Contribution

Please consider joining and supporting the programs of the Federation of Greek Orthodox Musicians - Metropolis of Chicago.

By providing the information below we will be able to acknowledge your stewardship pledge and email you copies of our newsletter The Choir Loft.

Your email address will not be shared with any other organization.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Enclosed is my stewardship contribution to support the music ministry in our Metropolis.**

**Please make checks payable to Chicago Federation of Church Musicians**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100

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