

ORGANIZING A LOCAL OR REGIONAL PAN-ORTHODOX MUSIC MINISTRY

“It only takes a little yeast to make the whole batch of dough rise...”
(Galatians 5:9)

Why Do It?

- ◆ Moral support
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Pooled resources
- ◆ Orthodox unity
- ◆ Stronger Orthodox presence in your community
- ◆ TO HELP EACH OTHER GROW

How to Find Your Teammates

- ◆ Research:
 - ❖ Through local Orthodox Council
 - ❖ Ask your bishop
 - ❖ Ask your priest
 - ❖ Consult local telephone books
 - ❖ Consult OCA directory
 - ❖ Post a message on PSALM e-group
 - ❖ Other Orthodox publications & e-groups

Where to Start

- ◆ Set up meeting in a central location
- ◆ Set up a chat room
- ◆ Organize a pan-Orthodox service and/or event and form a choir to sing the responses
- ◆ Start a database
- ◆ Ask a local parish to sponsor your ministry if there is no Orthodox Council
- ◆ Start small, PLAN PLAN PLAN
- ◆ Ask for help!

**MUSIC COMMITTEE OF THE
COUNCIL OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
OF DETROIT**

Statement of Purpose

The Music Committee exists to provide the following services to the Orthodox Christian community in metropolitan Detroit:

- Organize activities that unite Orthodox musicians (choir directors, choir members, and cantors) from all jurisdictions and ethnic traditions. These activities aim to provide fellowship, encouragement, and opportunities to share information and to grow.
- Provide educational opportunities and training for directors, singers and cantors that will elevate the quality and standards of Orthodox music in our community.
- Use the power of Orthodox music as a means of evangelization in our community through concerts and recordings.

Activities that have addressed these goals have included:

- Three workshops (2000, 2001, 2002) featuring prominent Orthodox musicians and teachers. (James Meena, Fr. Roman Braga, Fr. Christopher Holwey, Mark Bailey)
- Inter-Orthodox Vesper Choir (annual)
- Nativity Concerts (2000, 2001)
- Classes in music theory and voice at St. Andrew's Center (fall 2001)
- In the next several years we hope to sponsor a regional conference in conjunction with groups similar to ours in Chicago and Indianapolis.