

NATIONAL FORUM OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS



The musical arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America that strengthens and perpetuates its liturgical music

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Dear Friends and Stewards of the National Forum,

Greetings to you all on the occasion of Church Music Sunday 2022!

As I wish you all the very best on this special day for all of our church musicians, I would be remiss if I weren't to offer my prayers and hopes for safety of all of our brothers and sisters in Florida as hurricane Ian marches through the state causing so much devastation and heartache. Certainly, we each have family and friends going through this challenging time. Certainly, we have a multitude of fellow church musicians throughout the state in need of our prayers and support now and after the crisis passes.

Yet, it is events like Ian that give us a moment to pause and reflect upon the very tenets of our beliefs: beliefs that are full of hope and promise of a better day, beliefs which we chant every Sunday at every Divine Liturgy. We, as church musicians, are so blessed that we are the heralds of these beliefs, of this hope!

So, my friends, never minimize, nor let anyone minimize, the importance of this very sacred and spiritually centric and uplifting music ministry of our Holy Orthodox Church. Likewise, never faulter in your dedication and hard work in being the heralds of the Good News! Know that your efforts in this ministry breath life into Christ's words and the offer hope to His inheritance.

God watch over all of you and grant you good health and happiness so we can celebrate this special day once again next year!

In His and Your Service,

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