

*2017 Summer Music Program of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh*

## **Renewing Our Chant: Melody, Harmony, Prayer**

This year, the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is inaugurating a regular summer church music program for cantors, choir directors, and section leaders. For 2017, the program will consist of a three-day master class and workshop to be held on **July 12-14** at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

The program is open to experienced cantors and choir directors in the Byzantine Catholic Church; some experience with reading music is required. The program will show church singers:

- How to improve the flow, pacing, and effectiveness of liturgical singing
- How to use extemporized natural harmony to enhance plain chant
- How to renew liturgical music in the parish, and increase participation

In addition to classroom instruction, students will receive individualized vocal coaching and the opportunity to lead services, with credit toward cantor certification.

The program is directed by Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski, with additional instructors from the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and the Eparchy of Parma. Our goal is to enable cantors to develop and perfect their craft, and take home tools and expertise to benefit their parishes and eparchies.

A registration fee of \$200, due by July 1, covers all materials, meals, and instruction for the three day course. Lodging at the seminary is available for an additional \$100, to be paid at registration; both men and women can be accommodated, on separate floors of the seminary.

**The course is limited to 24 students**, and we ask that each parish send no more than one person to the workshop unless additional spaces become available.

For more information, or to register, please contact:

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## **Schedule**

The program will begin at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, July 12 and end at 5 PM on Friday, July 14. Each day will include lectures, singing practice, communal meals, liturgical services, and private voice lessons. All meals and materials are covered by the tuition fee for the program.

Classes run each day from 9 AM to 9 PM; lunch and dinner are provided, and there are breaks throughout the day.

If you are travelling from outside the Pittsburgh area and staying overnight at the seminary, you may arrive on Monday evening any time after 4 PM. Contact Deacon Jeffrey to coordinate travel to and from the airport or bus station if necessary. Towels and bedding will be provided.

Tuition payment should be sent by July 1 to

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Checks should be made out to "Archeparchy of Pittsburgh."