

New online class from the Metropolitan Cantor Institute:

Services for the Departed

September 2 – October 26, 2019

This 8 week online class will cover:

- Prayer for the dead in the Byzantine tradition
- The Panachida
- The Parastas, or Great Panachida
- The Funeral Service
- Special funeral services (child, priest)
- Services during Bright Week and the Paschal season
- Practical details for leading the plain chant at each service

The structure of each service will be covered in detail, and all music for each service will be learned. The goal of the class is to help cantors lead the congregational singing at these services with confidence.

All subjects will be taught using BOTH our current funeral book, and excerpts from proposed funeral materials prepared by the Inter-Eparchial Music Commission. (These provisional materials are subject to change before official publication.)

Students will receive an electronic copy of the current funeral book, as well as Fr. Athanasius Pekar's monograph on our funeral services, and other materials to help in leading the singing at these services.

To take the course, you will need a computer with an internet connection, speakers, and a microphone. These will enable you to record your singing for personalized feedback. Some work can also be completed using a smartphone or tablet computer.

The 2019 session of this class is open to all serving cantors and assistant/student cantors, even those who have not taken any previous MCI Online classes.

A registration fee of \$75 covers all materials. This fee may be waived in cases of financial need, especially if the student comes from a parish with no current cantor who has experience in leading these services.

TO REGISTER, fill out the attached form and submit it no later than September 5, together with the registration fee.

Questions? Contact:

Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski, mci@archpitt.org or (412) 735-1676.

Please sign me up for Services for the Departed!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE / EMAIL: _____

PARISH (incl city): _____

Please describe your singing and cantorial experience.

Fill out this form and mail it **by September 5** to

Metropolitan Cantor Institute
10002 Faylin Drive
Austin, Texas 78753

Include a check or money order for \$75 to cover course materials. Make checks payable to the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.

Scholarships are available in case of true financial hardship; contact instructor Jeffrey Mierzejewski at mci@archpitt.org or (412) 735-1676.