

2019 Summer Music Program for the Eparchy of Passaic

Summer School for Cantors – July 18-19, 2019

Hillsborough, NJ

This two-day class for the cantors of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic is an intensive workshop for anyone who leads our church singing. It will cover:

- The role of the cantor today
- The “spirit” of our plain chant, and why it matters
- Essential musical knowledge for cantors
- Developing confidence: singing the first three notes
- Pitch choice and pitch matching for cantors
- The baptismal and wedding services
- Celebrating your parish feast day (patronal feast)
- The funeral service and parastas

These presentations are intended to supplement, not replace, online courses and other educational opportunities, and cover material best done in-person or in church. One topic chosen by the attendees will also be covered, and all classes will integrate liturgical and spiritual aspects of our Byzantine heritage with liturgical singing.

Both new and experienced cantors are welcome to participate. (Students between the ages of 15 and 18 should have the permission of their parents and pastor.)

The two-day workshop will be held at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough, NJ. The workshop will take place on Thursday and Friday, to accommodate cantors who need to return to their home parishes for services on Saturday. Classes run from 8:30 AM to 5:00, with an optional session on Thursday evening, July 18, from 7 to 9 PM.

For those travelling to the workshop, lodging is available near the church at the Days Inn by Wyndham.

A registration fee of \$100, which may be paid at the start of the class, covers all materials, and lunch for both days.

PLEASE register in advance so we have sufficient course materials. See the registration form on the back of this page.

Questions? Contact:

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

Please sign me up for the 2019 Eparchy of Passaic Summer Cantor School!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE / EMAIL: _____

PARISH (incl city): _____

Please describe your singing and cantorial experience.

Please list one or two additional topics you would like to see covered:

Fill out this form and mail it **by July 10** to

Metropolitan Cantor Institute
10002 Faylin Drive
Austin, Texas 78753

The registration fee of \$100 can be paid on the day of the workshop. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church.