

Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

Patriarch Athenagoras I Medal for Metropolis Service Official Federation Nomination Form

All nominations must be received by Federation Vice President Anna Niforos NO LATER THAN June 15

Nominator's Name

Nominator's Address

Nominator's City, State, Zip

Nominator's Parish and City

Nominator's Phone No. or email address

Nominator's Signature

Candidate's Name

Candidate's Address

Candidate's City, State, Zip

Candidate's Parish and City

Candidate's Current Position as a Church Musician

Submitting Nominations no later than June 15. Separately, type a statement in support of the nominated candidate specifically describing their metropolis, regional, & local contributions to church music ministry and to the Federation. Please send the complete nomination package of documents to Vice President Anna Niforos, 24383 Greydale St., Clinton Twp., MI 48036; Home: (586) 465-3771; Cell: (313) 407-6690. anntheo46@gmail.com

History of the Award

The Patriarch Athenagoras I Award was initiated by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians in 1996. This national recognition is awarded by MEFGOX to individuals who have made outstanding metropolis contributions to the music ministry of the Church. The award is a pewter medallion specially designed for the National Forum. One medal is given to each Award recipient.

Qualification Guidelines

Candidates for this award shall be church musicians who have made significant contributions to the church music ministry in their metropolis. Candidates for the award shall have demonstrated exceptional service at the metropolis, regional and local parish levels within one or more of the organizational structures which support and promote the well-being of the total music ministry program.

Candidates for the award shall have demonstrated distinction in a combination of conducting, composing, accompanying, singing, chanting or service in church music ministry, or exceptional leadership or service in promoting regional and local church music ministry programs.

Nominations shall be based solely on the candidate's liturgical music contributions within the metropolises served by the Federation.

Holders of the National Forum's St. Romanos Medallion for national service are not eligible for nomination.

Individuals may receive only one Patriarch Athenagoras I Award in their lifetime.

Who May Nominate. Any parish musician of a Federation parish in good standing may submit a nomination to the Federation Vice President.

Nomination Information. All documents for nominating a candidate shall be typed/printed and shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the information to the selection committee chairman (Federation Vice President). The nomination information shall be placed on or attached to an official nomination form and shall contain:

A brief statement of the candidate's contributions to the musical life of the Church (e.g. conducting, composing, accompanying, singing, chanting, leadership administrative service, etc.) especially at the metropolis, regional, and local parish levels. This is the most important element in considering candidates for this award.

The candidate's biographical data including current and past positions the candidate held/holds in the Greek Orthodox Church; employment and educational background relevant to the candidate's contributions to church music ministry and, if applicable, a listing of compositions and publications pertaining to the church music ministry.

Letters of support from three (3) persons aware of the candidate's contributions to the church music ministry.

Former Recipients from MEFGOX

1996 – † Steve Bournos, † Mary Sotraides Ameredes
1997 – Peter Phillips, George Rafealedes, † Mike Hadgis
1998 – † Rev. Fr. Chris Hadgigeorge, Gloria Michaels
1999 – † John N. Tsolainos
2000 – (No Nominees)
2001 – Angie Angelos, † Rev. Fr. George Bartz, † Terry Jonethis
2002 – Hieromonk Seraphim Dedes, Ruth Econ, Barb Minton
2003 – † Rev. Fr. Michael Harmand, † Dr. George Georgantas
2004 - Rev. Fr. Philemon Karamanos, Dr. George Sarabalas
2005 – Erma Rangos, † Dr. Don E. Stathulis,
2006 – † Elizabeth Serafis
2007 – Mike Orfanopoulos, Stan & Nancy Takis
2008 – Chris J. Zervos
2009 – Dan Packis
2010 – (No Nominees)
2011 – Evey Simon
2012 – Irene Georgantas
2013 – (No Nominees)
2014 – (No Nominees)
2015 – Ted & Anna Niforos
2016 – Elaine Charalambopoulos