

St. Andrew of Crete Musical Ministry
Diocese of the Midwest Diocesan Assembly July 18, 2022

As was presented to the Diocesan Assembly Last Fall, the St. Andrew of Crete Musical Ministry was established and blessed by His Eminence, Archbishop +Paul in 2020. With the blessing of Bishop Daniel, our work will continue to provide focused, relevant, and practical educational offerings to diocesan choirs, choir directors and musical leaders.

Recognizing the need for professionalism and accountability, we are proposing that the qualified and experienced providers of these events be fairly compensated for their time and effort. Also recognizing that many of these educational opportunities will be needed by mission parishes and/or smaller, possibly financially struggling parishes, these costs could and should be covered by Diocesan funding/donations.

ALL parishes should strive to grow in education, both musically and liturgically, to offer beautiful and well executed music in worship. This education can take on many forms:

- Workshops/Conferences (Focused Individually on Parish Need)
- Ongoing Choir Director Mentorship
- Online Publications
- Online Resources
- Availability to contact us for help in structuring services and finding appropriate music

Since the last Assembly, we have held 2 main events:

1. November 21, 2021 Workshop in Mogadore, OH Elena Monahan, Basil Kochan and Fr. Gregory Ealy led approximately 30 participants focused on learning Pre-Christmas/Christmas Music.
2. Weekend of March 18, 2022 – Workshop at Christ the Savior Church in Cincinnati, OH conducted by Michelle Jannakos with approximately 20 participants.

In the next month or so will “regroup” via Zoom to begin planning for Fall.
Will continue to work on building website resources and Philip Sokolov is working on his contribution of an online journal, hopefully to be released around Theophany, 2023
We are always open to input and suggestions. Please feel free to contact any of us.

I am thankful to those who are currently part of the ministry: Fr. Gregory Ealy, Philip Sokolov, Matushka Jenifer Sawchak (co-chair), Basil Kochan, Matushka Vicki Kopistiansky and Elena Monahan for their commitment to this work. We pray that we will be able to nurture this vision of Archbishop +Paul in order to bear much fruit!

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Jannakos
Co-Chair