

St. Andrew of Crete Music Ministry
DOM Diocesan Assembly Report
October 2023

Since the 2022 Diocesan Assembly, our committee has continued to work towards our goal of increasing musical and liturgical education so that each parish (within their unique histories and circumstances) can offer beautiful and well executed music in worship.

We are thankful to our dedicated committee members: Fr. Gregory Ealy, Reader Philip Sokolov, Matushka Jenifer Sawchak (co-chair), Basil Kochan, Matushka Vicki Kopistiansky, Elena Monahan and Zachariah Mandell for their offerings of time and talent to this ministry.

Our activities have included:

- November 2022 – Choral Workshop at St. Paul’s in Dayton, OH
Brought together 50 musicians for sessions on vocal technique, beginning and intermediate conducting and music for children and youth. The workshop culminated in Great Vespers sung by three choirs.
- February 2023 – Kansas City Deanery Music Gathering
- March 2023 - Choir workshop at St. Matthew’s in Green Bay, WI
- April 2023 – Diocesan Youth Paschal Virtual Concert
- Ongoing Conductor Mentorships with 6 individuals from 4 parishes

Upcoming events:

- November 10-11, 2023 Choir Workshop at St. Paul’s in Dayton, OH
 - Registration is open
 - Focusing on the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- February 2024 Minneapolis, MN Choir Workshop

We ask that you help us spread the word to increase awareness of our ministry and what we can offer parishes. Please contact a committee member to answer questions or discuss any musical or choral needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Co-Chair