

Co-Chairpersons

V. Rev. Daniel Skvir, Rector, Holy Transfiguration Chapel, Princeton, NY, dskvir@princeton.edu;
Doreen Bartholomew, Choir Director, Our Lady of Kazan Church, Sea Cliff, NY,
johndoreen@optonline.net;
Carol Wetmore, Choir Director, Holy Trinity Church, Randolph, NJ, wetmore1@aol.com

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Diocesan Music Conference: A diocesan-wide music conference was held at Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers, NY on May 2nd. The day was divided into two parts; (1) Mark Bailey teaching rhythm, phrasing and diction and (2) an interactive session in which Vladyka Michael, Alekesi Shpovalnikov and Fr. David Cowan walked through the more challenging parts of the hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Simultaneously, Mat. Tamara Cowan lead a workshop for children.

Workshops: We planned and announced one workshop at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, South River, NJ. Due to lack of pre-registration, we were forced to cancel. We do not turn away walk-ins, but we must have adequate preregistrations to plan for the expense and logistics of workshops.

CoLM on the Web

We continue to enhance the Music Commission's section of the Diocesan website, with thanks to Fr. Ken James Stavrevsky for his enthusiasm and quality support. Sheet music is available there for more than 60 works composed or arranged by Diocesan musicians, as well as large-print text for several services and several large-print booklets for parish use. CoLM has a Facebook page. We encourage you to find us on Facebook and "like" the page
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Commission-on-Liturgical-Music-NYNJ-OCA/714919818560882>.

Choir Director Information Also on the web, we maintain a Directory of Choir Directors, with contact information. Rectors need to assure the information is current, emailing changes to us at nynjmusic@aol.com

Church Musician Appreciation Day: Parishes were requested to express appreciation to their musicians.

2016 PLANS

- One or more workshops presented in the Russian language for parishes with a substantial population of Russian speakers.
- We are exploring online training, using video capability, for more convenient presentation of information.
- Every five years we plan a major choir recognition event in October, and this will be one of those years.

Remember: "Keep CoLM and Carry On"!