

Co-Chairpersons

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SUMMARY:

In 2017:

- The CoLM presented two workshops, the second of which was extraordinarily successful, attracting 38 attendees to a Readers' event at St Vladimir's Seminary. This was the first time CoLM and St Vlad's worked together, and we hope to make it an annual event.
- By the time of this Assembly or shortly thereafter, the CoLM's first of three CoLM 'podcasts' will be on the Diocesan website. Presented by Tanya Tjoa of Pearl River, it is titled "Working with What You've Got" and describes and illustrates how to work with 4-part music when there are only 2 or 3 singers.
- Our Facebook page, as well as our on-line resources on the Diocesan website, receive regular positive feedback.
- The CoLM has facilitated assistance to parishes with insufficient choir resources through our on-line listing of substitute choir directors and by pitching in to provide choir directors and singers for special events in the Diocese.

In 2018:

- We will organize 2-3 workshops, including one for Readers at St Vlad's and one or two in other areas of the Diocese in order to make the teaching accessible to the whole geographic area.
- We will present 2 more 'podcasts' on subjects of interest to church musicians.

Workshops

1. June 10, 2017, Sea Cliff, NY - This workshop gave attendees the opportunity to expand their understanding of Orthodox worship and allow them to participate more fully in the Divine Liturgy by teaching them the short, repetitive parts of the Liturgy, e.g., Holy God, Litanies, Alleluia, and Communion Hymns. It was led by Basil Kozak.

2. September 9, 2017, Crestwood, NY – We were pleased to be able to hold a workshop at St. Vladimir's Seminary, enabling our diocese and the seminary to deepen relationships with one another. The workshop was led by the V. Rev. J. Sergius Halvorsen and its focus was to enable those who read in church, both clergy and laity, the chance to learn more about and to receive vocal coaching specifically for the ministry of reading in church.

Church Musician Sunday

Marked on October 1st this year on the Feast of St. Romanos the Melodist. Singers and Directors

who achieved twenty-five plus years of service during the past year were honored in their parishes for their contribution and achievement.

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Choir Director Information

An essential part of the Commission's resources is a Directory of Choir Directors, with contact information, posted on the website. This is the list Fr Ken James and the Commission use to contact our "constituents." The only way to assure accuracy is for Rectors to *check the information on the website*, and updating via email to the Commission or to one of the Co-Chairs at the addresses above.

CoLM on the Web

We continue to enhance the Music Commission's section of the Diocesan website. As always we offer thanks for the enthusiasm and quality support of Fr. Ken James Stavrevsky. Sheet music (often with Midi playback) continues to be available there composed or arranged by Diocesan musicians, as well as guidelines for Hierarchical Services, large-print text for several services, and 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>. As always, you can reach us at nynjmusic@aol.com.

Remember: "Keep CoLM and Carry On"!