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2025 Special Frank Desby and Xenia Anton Desby Memorial Church Music Scholarship

This scholarship fund has been established in the honor of Xenia Anton Desby, gifted organist and church musician and her husband, renowned Byzantine music scholar and composer Frank Desby, for their inspiration and contribution to the music ministry of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to assist and encourage the musical development and training of Greek Orthodox musicians to equip the recipients to serve or continue to serve the music ministry of the Greek Orthodox Church.

GUIDELINES

SCHOLARSHIPS will be considered for the following:

- Voice (Choral or Chant)
- Keyboard (with preference for Organ study)
- Conducting
- Composition
- Continuing Education/Professional Development

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

- Eight (8) awards of up to $500 each.
- Scholarships will be available for students for musical training at all levels.
- Awards will be made payable upon presentation of **an invoice <u>from the teacher</u>**, or educational organization chosen by the recipient from which they receive their chosen training or education and paid directly to that teacher or organization if at all possible.
- **Previous winners must wait 2 years from the date of receiving scholarship to apply again.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a Greek Orthodox Christian and an active member in good standing with his or her parish in the Metropolis of San Francisco.
- Applicant must be seeking to advance or enhance his or her musical development in order to serve the musical needs of a Greek Orthodox parish either now or in the future.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicant must submit a formal application for scholarship no later than the announced deadline.
- Each application must be accompanied by a recommendation from the applicant's local priest **or** choir director or chief chanter if applicable.
- A Scholarship Panel will meet and review each application.
- Interviews will be scheduled by the Scholarship Panel.
- The Scholarship Panel will present its recommendations to the Leadership Circle of Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation Ministry. The final approval will come from the Leadership Circle.
- **Application deadline is December 15, 2024**
- Scholarships will be awarded by January 1, 2025.
- The Scholarship must be used by December 31, 2025.