

Co-Chairpersons

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2013-2014 Workshops

This year we focused on the future of our choirs – our children. Two workshops, designed and taught by David Lucs, introduced children to basic music reading concepts, and simple prayers set to music and were a great success. We also sponsored workshops presented by Dave Drillock for beginning conductors and for learning Tones.

David Lucs has moved out of our area, so we are seeking a candidate to present future children's workshops. If a local parish has such a candidate, we request you tell the Commission Co-Chairs.

Making Music With Kids was held at:

- Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Buffalo, NY – November 16, 2013
- St. Andrew's Church, Dix Hills – December 7, 2013

Beginning Conducting was held at:

- St. Nicholas Church, Cohoes, NY – July 19, 2014

The Game of Tones was held at:

- Ss. Peter & Paul Church, South River, NJ – November 1, 2014

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 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. In addition, CoLM now 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.

Choir Director Information

An essential part of the Commission's resources is a Directory of Choir Directors, with contact information, posted on the website. We fervently request Rectors to assure the Commission has current information on their Choir Directors by checking the information on the website, and updating via email to the Commission or to one of the Co-Chairs at the addresses above.

Church Musician Appreciation Day

This was marked on Sunday, September 28th, the Sunday before the Feast of St. Romanos the Melodist. Parishes were requested to express appreciation to their musicians, and special petition(s) were offered.

The Order of Saint Romanos the Melodist

His Grace, Bishop Michael, supported the Commission's proposal for establishing an Order of St. Romanos the Melodist to recognize extraordinary contributions of people in the field of liturgical music in the OCA. Originally proposed by the CoLM for the Diocese of NY and NJ, it became OCA-wide when the Synod of Bishops approved it at their Spring 2014 session. On September 27th four medals were awarded: to V. Rev. Sergei Glagolev, the V. Rev. Igor Soroka, Dr. David Drillock and Mr. Walter Shymansky. The Holy Synod determined that in the future, the award may be granted to one candidate annually.

Remember: "Keep CoLM and Carry On"!