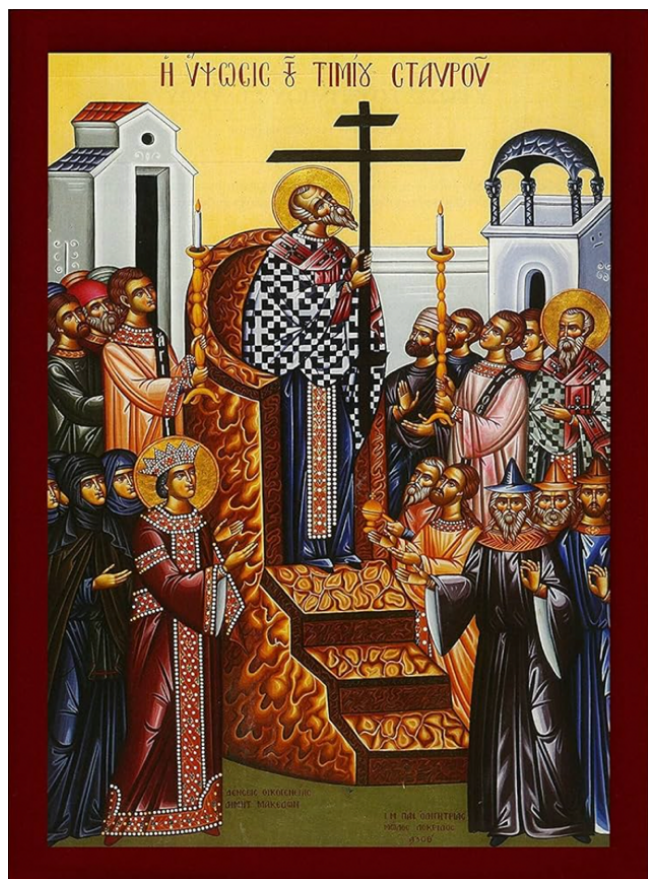


June 2025



Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ !

We are thrilled to invite you to the THIRD annual, 4 - day intensive weekend of daily liturgical services, world-class workshops in the Psaltic Art, inspirational discussions, and encouraging fellowship in Christ, uniquely set apart for budding and experienced female Orthodox cantors !

The 2025 Synaxis of Orthodox Women Byzantine Cantors will take place September 11-14 and is blessed by +His Eminence Metropolitan SAVAS of Pittsburgh. It will be hosted by Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This year, we are very excited that our observance will culminate in the celebration of a great feast of the Church – the Elevation of the Holy Cross – as it

will provide exceptional liturgical learning experiences and opportunities. Additionally, we are offering a Track designed for our younger cantors, ages 12–17 years old. We will also join the Metropolis of Pittsburgh and the parish of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church for the Great Vespers of their feast day on Saturday night.

Women from all Orthodox jurisdictions, countries, and levels of proficiency in Byzantine Chant are encouraged to attend—including those with no background in Byzantine Chant. Presentations and instruction will be given in English. There will be four workshop tracks with appropriate instructors: beginning, intermediate, advanced, and youth (ages 12-17).

The demand for instructional liturgical experiences and excitement for continued technical instruction in the Psaltic Art continue to gain momentum across the Orthodox world. It is our sincere hope and prayer that each participant will return home from the Synaxis having received a tremendous Christ-centered opportunity for growth in her Orthodox faith, increase in her liturgical and chant knowledge and experience, and mentorship and fellowship with other women cantors.

We look forward to welcoming you in person to the third annual Synaxis of Orthodox Women Byzantine Cantors !

With rejoicing and thanksgiving in Christ,

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