

# ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL METROPOLIS OF DETROIT FINALS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH - STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

MAY 18-19, 2018



FRIDAY, MAY 18: Welcome Dinner and Fellowship  
SATURDAY, MAY 19: Metropolis Festival, Luncheon, Awards Ceremony

**SPEAKERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE BY MAY 4, 2018.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, VISIT:  
[WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/SJCOF-METROPOLIS](http://WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/SJCOF-METROPOLIS)



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Dear St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Metropolis Finalist,

Christ is Risen!

On behalf of the St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church and the Metropolis Festival Planning Committee, I want to congratulate you for progressing to the Metropolis Finals of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. The St. John parish is looking forward to hosting this event and meeting all of you on May 18-19, 2018 in Sterling Heights, MI.

By now, you should have received an email with a link to the Metropolis Festival Online Speaker Registration. Once you receive the link, please make sure to complete this no later than May 4, 2018. If you have not, please visit [www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcof-metropolis](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcof-metropolis).

The enclosed packet contains important information to help you prepare for the Metropolis Festival. Please carefully review all of the information, paying special attention to any deadlines. This packet contains the following:

- Metropolis Festival Schedule
- What-to-Bring Checklist
- Hotel/Travel Information

We pray that you have safe travels and look forward to seeing you in Michigan. Please contact the Metropolis Youth Office ([youth@detroit.goarch.org](mailto:youth@detroit.goarch.org)) with any questions.

In His Service,

*Eva Konstantakos*

Eva Konstantakos, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries &  
the St. John Chrysostom Metropolis Oratorical Festival Host Committee



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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

- 6:00PM Arrive at Hampton Inn and Suites - Detroit/Warren
- 7:00PM Fellowship Dinner (Location TBA)

### SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

- 8:30AM - 9:00AM Speaker Registration at Church
- 9:00AM - 9:45AM Speaker Orientation/Judge Orientation
- 9:55AM - 10:15AM Opening Prayer and Welcome
- 10:15AM - 11:15AM JUNIOR DIVISION SPEAKERS
- 11:15AM - 11:25AM Break
- 11:30AM - 12:30PM SENIOR DIVISION SPEAKERS
- 12:45PM - 1:30PM Lunch
- 1:30PM - 2:30PM Presentation of Awards and Closing Prayer

**If booking flights, please plan to for the following arrivals and departures to ensure time to/from airport and sufficient time to check in:**

**ARRIVAL: Friday, May 18, 2018 BY 6:00pm (EST)**

**DEPARTURE: Saturday, May 19, 2018 AFTER 5:00pm (EST)**

**Please use the online registration to notify us about any food allergies.**

**As we approach the event, more details will be sent out. Please check your emails for communications from the Festival co-chairs or the Metropolis Youth Office.**



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## SPEAKER CHECKLIST

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

Speakers must complete the Online Registration no later than May 4, 2018. Make sure you check your email for the link to register or visit [www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcof-metropolis](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcof-metropolis).

### HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

If you require hotel accommodations, make those reservations by May 4, 2018. Room availability and the special rate will not be guaranteed after this date.

This packet has hotel information. The online reservation link is available if you visit [www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcof-metropolis](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcof-metropolis).

### WHAT TO BRING

- 1) TWO COPIES OF YOUR SPEECH (Refer to the Festival Manual for guidelines)
- 2) ATTIRE FOR YOUR SPEECH (Refer to the Festival Manual for guidelines)
- 3) CASUAL ATTIRE FOR OTHER EVENTS
- 4) PERSONAL ITEMS (Toiletries and medications)
- 5) A GREAT ATTITUDE - Get to know someone new!

### FOOD ALLERGIES/DIETARY NEEDS

If you have a food allergy or medical dietary need, please make sure to include this information when registering the speaker online. If you have any specific questions regarding food, please contact one of the chairpersons for more information. See the last page of this packet for contact information.



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## HOTEL INFORMATION

Rooms have been set aside at the following hotel for a special rate. The rate and availability can only be guaranteed up until the reservation deadline.

### HAMPTON INN AND SUITES - DETROIT/WARREN

32035 Van Dyke Avenue - Warren, MI 48093 - 586.826.3800

**Room Rate:** \$105/night (tax not included) for two (2) Queen Beds or one (1) King

**Room Block:** 18 Metropolis SJCOF

*Free hot breakfast and wifi included in price*

**CALL or RESERVE ONLINE BY NO LATER THAN MAY 4, 2018**

Distance to/from Church: 3.8 miles (9 minutes without traffic)

VISIT [WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/SJCOF-METROPOLIS](http://WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/SJCOF-METROPOLIS) FOR THE ONLINE RESERVATION LINK.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### AIRPORTS

#### DETROIT METROPOLITAN AIRPORT (DTW)

Approx. 40 miles (45mins-1hr) southwest from Hotel/Church

#### BISHOP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - FLINT (FNT)

Approx. 55 miles (45mins - 1hr) northwest from Hotel/Church

Please arrive on Friday, May 18, 2018 by 6:00pm.

Please plan to depart on Saturday, May 19, 2018 no earlier than 5:00pm.



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### FESTIVAL LOCATION

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### HOTEL INFORMATION

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[www.detroitwarren.hamptonbyhilton.com](http://www.detroitwarren.hamptonbyhilton.com)

### OFFICIAL METROPOLIS ORATORICAL FESTIVAL WEBSITE

[www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcof-metropolis](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcof-metropolis)