

# 2023 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL METROPOLIS FINALS



## SPEAKER INFORMATION PACKET

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Saturday, May 20, 2023  
St. George Church - Southgate, MI



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# WELCOME LETTER

Dear St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Metropolis Finalist,

CHRIST IS RISEN!

On behalf of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church and the Metropolis Festival Planning Committee, we want to congratulate you for progressing to the Metropolis Finals of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. The St. George parish is looking forward to hosting this event and meeting all of you on May 19-20, 2023 in Southgate, 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 1, 2023. If you have not, please visit [www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolisSJCOF](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolisSJCOF).

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,

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit  
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
St. John Chrysostom Metropolis Oratorical Festival Host Committee



# 2023 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM METROPOLIS ORATORICAL FESTIVAL TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

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| 6:00PM | Arrive at Hampton Inn - Detroit/Southgate (check hotel website for local check-in times). |
| 7:00PM | Welcome/Fellowship Dinner (Karamanos Park - St. George Church)                            |

## SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

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| 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 - 1:45PM  | Lunch                                     |
| 1:45PM - 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 19, 2023 BY 6:00pm (EST)**

**DEPARTURE: Saturday, May 20, 2023 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.**

If you have any questions regarding the Metropolis Festival Schedule, please contact the Metropolis Youth Office ([youth@detroit.goarch.org](mailto:youth@detroit.goarch.org))



# 2023 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM METROPOLIS ORATORICAL FESTIVAL SPEAKER CHECKLIST

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

Speakers must complete the Online Registration no later than May 1, 2023. Make sure you check your email for the link to register or visit [www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolissjcof](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolissjcof).

## HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

If you require hotel accommodations, make those reservations by May 1, 2023. Room availability and the special rate will not be guaranteed after this date.

This packet, which can be downloaded via [www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolissjcof](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolissjcof), has hotel reservation information.

## 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.

If you have any questions regarding the Metropolis Festival, please contact the Metropolis Youth Office ([youth@detroit.goarch.org](mailto:youth@detroit.goarch.org))



# 2023 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM METROPOLIS ORATORICAL FESTIVAL S P E A K E R T I P S

**Check with the official Oratorical Manual regarding the speech requirements and presentation tips.**

**1) Bring two copies of your speech with you.** You will give one copy to us at registration, and the other is for you. Follow the guidelines as listed in the official Oratorical Festival Manual.

**2) Speaking order** will be determined at registration.

**3) Make sure to begin your speech with the introduction.**

- "Your Eminence, Reverend Fathers, Honorable Judges, Fellow Speakers, Ladies and Gentlemen... Christ is Risen (or Hristos Anesti).
- **His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas is scheduled to be present for the Metropolis Festival.** Please be prepared to adjust your introduction accordingly.

**4) Time begins** once you start speaking after your introduction (see #3), and ends after you say "Thank You."

**5) Wear appropriate attire for the event** - clothing suitable for Church.

**6) Make sure to get enough rest** the evening prior to the Festival.



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# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## 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 Detroit-Southgate**

13555 Prechter Bld. Southgate, MI 48195

P: 734-574-4000 F: 734-574-4009

**Room Rate:** \$115.00/night (tax not included) for two (2) Queen Beds

\*Breakfast is available at the hotel on Saturday.

**Room Block:** St. George Church - Oratorical Festival

**CALL HOTEL DIRECTLY TO RESERVE BY NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2023**

Distance to/from Church: 1.9 miles (approx. 6 minutes)

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### AIRPORT

#### **Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)**

Approx. 12 miles (20mins) from Hotel/Church

Please arrive on Friday, May 19, 2023 by 6:00pm.

Please plan to depart on Saturday, May 20, 2023 no earlier than 5:00pm.

\*Construction in Michigan changes traffic issues regularly. We will do our best to advise you via email regarding any traffic or travel advice.





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# CONTACT INFORMATION

## **PARISH PRIEST**

Rev. Fr. John Sakellariou  
[frjohn@stgeorgesouthgate.org](mailto:frjohn@stgeorgesouthgate.org)

## **METROPOLIS FESTIVAL CHAIR**

Penelope Filyo  
[pfilyo@gmail.com](mailto:pfilyo@gmail.com)

## **METROPOLIS YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES**

[youth@detroit.goarch.org](mailto:youth@detroit.goarch.org)

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## **FESTIVAL LOCATION**

St. George Greek Orthodox Church  
16300 Dix Toledo Rd  
Southgate, MI 48195  
(734) 283-8820

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

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13555 Prechter Blvd.  
Southgate, MI 48195  
P: 734-574-4000 F: 734-574-4009

## **OFFICIAL METROPOLIS ORATORICAL FESTIVAL WEBSITE**

[www.detroit.goarch.org/MetropolisSJCOF](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/MetropolisSJCOF)

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