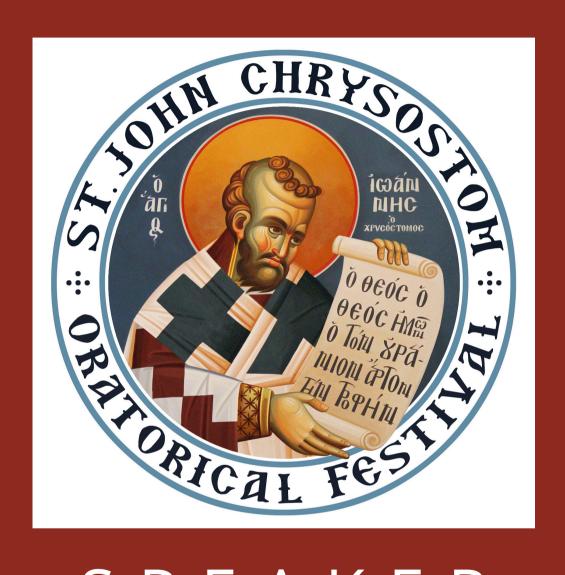
## 2024 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL METROPOLIS FINALS



# SPEAKER INFORMATION PACKET

May 17-18, 2024 Annunciation Church - Dayton, OH



# WELCOME LETTER

Dear St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Metropolis Finalist,

On behalf of the Annunciation 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 Annunciation parish is looking forward to hosting this event and meeting all of you on May 17-18, 2024 in Dayton, OH.

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 April 27, 2024. If you have not, please visit 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) with any questions.

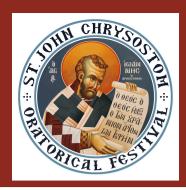
In His Service,

Michael Hosteller

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

St. John Chrysostom Metropolis Oratorical Festival Host Committee



# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

6:00PM Paraklesis to St. Spyridon and veneration of relics

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Finalists Welcome Social

### **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

8:00AM Clergy, Finalists, and Family Breakfast, in the Athenagoras Room

8:45AM Finalist Orientation, in the Sanctuary

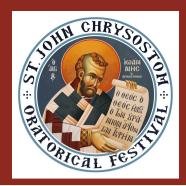
9:45AM Oratorical Festival

12:15PM Festival Luncheon

1:30PM Festival Awards, in the Sanctuary

2:00PM Departure

If you have any questions regarding the Metropolis Festival Schedule, please contact the Metropolis Festival Chairs (catherine.tsatalis@centerville.k12.oh.us)



# S P E A K E R C H E C K L I S T

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Speakers must complete the Online Registration no later than April 27, 2024. The Registration Form can be found here: www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolissjcof

### **HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS**

If you require hotel accommodations, make those reservations by May 1, 2024. Room availability and the special rate will not be guaranteed after this date.

This packet contains 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)



# 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.



# 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.

## **Marriott at the University of Dayton**

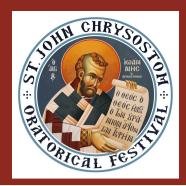
1414 S. Patterson Bld. Dayton, OH 45409 Phone: 937-223-1000

**Room Rate:** \$193.00/night (tax not included) for two (2) Queen Beds \*Breakfast is available at the hotel on Saturday.

Room Block: Greek Orthodox Oratorical Festival Room Block

### **CALL HOTEL DIRECTLY TO RESERVE BY NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2024**

Distance to/from Church: 2.7 miles (approx. 8 minutes)



# CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr. Anthony Cook franthony@daytonannunciation.org

## METROPOLIS FESTIVAL CHAIRS Jim and Katina Tsatalis

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

youth@detroit.goarch.org

#### **FESTIVAL LOCATION**

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 500 Belmonte Park N. Dayton, OH 45405 (937) 224-0601

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

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#### OFFICIAL METROPOLIS ORATORICAL FESTIVAL WEBSITE

www.detroit.goarch.org/MetropolisSJCOF

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