

2024 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM  
ORATORICAL FESTIVAL  
METROPOLIS FINALS



SPEAKER  
INFORMATION  
PACKET

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



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# 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](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,

*Michael Hostetter*

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



# 2024 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM METROPOLIS ORATORICAL FESTIVAL TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

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| 6:00PM | Paraklesis to St. Spyridon and veneration of relics |
| 6:30PM | Dinner  |
| 7:30PM | Finalists Welcome Social                            |

## SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

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| 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](mailto:catherine.tsatalis@centerville.k12.oh.us))



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# SPEAKER CHECKLIST

## 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](http://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](mailto:youth@detroit.goarch.org))



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# SPEAKER TIPS

**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.

### **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)



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# CONTACT INFORMATION

## **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr. Anthony Cook

[franthony@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:franthony@daytonannunciation.org)

## **METROPOLIS FESTIVAL CHAIRS**

**Jim and Katina Tsatalis**

[catherine.tsatalis@centerville.k12.oh.us](mailto:catherine.tsatalis@centerville.k12.oh.us)

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

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

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## **FESTIVAL LOCATION**

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

500 Belmonte Park N.

Dayton, OH 45405

(937) 224-0601

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## **OFFICIAL METROPOLIS ORATORICAL FESTIVAL WEBSITE**

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