



**NATIONAL FORUM  
OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS**  
*The musical arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
that strengthens and perpetuates its liturgical music*



**Patriarch Athenagoras Medal  
For Distinguished Metropolis Service**

***Guidelines for Nomination***

The National Forum established the Patriarch Athenagoras Award for Distinguished Metropolis Service in 1996. This is a national award, administered by the Federations.

Individual member Federations may, at their discretion, annually select up to three church musicians from within their jurisdiction as award recipients. The recipients may be from any of the following three categories:

- a. the professional musician (composer, conductor, organist, psalti, singer), living or posthumous, whose musical contributions to the Metropolis merit recognition; and/or
- b. the non-professional musician (committee chair, Federation president, project chair), living or posthumous, whose musical contributions to the Metropolis merit recognition; and/or
- c. the priest, living or posthumous, whose musical contributions to the Metropolis merits recognition.

Recipients of the St. Romanos the Melodist medallion may not subsequently receive the Patriarch Athenagoras Award for Distinguished Metropolis Service.

The following guidelines are useful for the Federations:

1. The Federation may establish its own procedures outlining its process for soliciting nominations and selecting its recipients.
2. The Federation may decide when and where to present the award. Most Federations do this at their annual conference.
3. At least three weeks prior to the awards presentation, the Federation President must officially request the medals from the appropriate National Forum Awards Committee member. This must be done in writing using the official form on the following page.
4. A copy of the awards request form should also be sent to the National Chairman, who will maintain an ongoing list of all recipients.
5. In making the presentation to the recipient(s), it should be made clear that this is a national award, given by the National Forum, to the Federation member. If the National Chairman is present, it would be appropriate for him/her to present the award.



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**Official Notification Form**

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The following individuals have been selected to receive the Patriarch Athenagoras Award for Distinguished Metropolis Service, as determined by the criteria established by the National Forum of Church Musicians and each individual Federation. Up to three awards may be presented in each Federation in any one year.

Federation: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recipient #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish/City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recipient #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish/City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recipient #3

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish/City

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Federation President)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Copy to National Chairman, Maria Keritsis

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