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Beloved in the Lord,

"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:6)

With joy and anticipation, we are pleased to announce the formation of a parish choir, dedicated to enhancing the beauty and reverence of our liturgical services through sacred hymnody. This effort marks an important step in deepening the spiritual life of our community and inviting parishioners to offer their gifts in the service of God and His Church.

Purpose and Vision

The Orthodox Church has always treasured the role of sacred music in worship. Through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, the faithful are lifted to prayer, repentance, and divine praise. The choir does not merely perform but it participates in the liturgical life of the Church, offering a living sacrifice of praise on behalf of all. St. John Chrysostom once said, *"Nothing so uplifts the soul, gives it wings, sets it free from the earth... as harmonious singing."* In joining the choir, you are participating in a sacred ministry guiding the people in prayer and glorifying God with your voice.

Our goal is to form a choir that will:

- Support and enrich the Divine Liturgy and other services.
- Foster a spirit of unity, reverence, and devotion.
- Offer an opportunity for education in Orthodox music, chant, and theology.
- Create a space for fellowship and shared ministry within the parish.

Who Can Join?

- Adults and youth (age 13+) recommended.
- All voice types—no formal training required, just a willing heart and a commitment to regular practice.
- Readers, chanters, and musicians who wish to deepen their service.

If you love to sing and feel called to contribute to the liturgical life of the Church, we encourage you to take part! All those interesting in joining are asked to contact Fr. Elias Drossos at (905) 929-9815 or via email at frelias@rogers.com.

Yours with fatherly love,

+Fr. Elias Drossos, Protopresbyter
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