

# CHURCH READER EDUCATION

*for the*

## BYZANTINE CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PITTSBURGH

*provided by the*

METROPOLITAN CANTOR  
INSTITUTE  
3605 Perrysville Avenue  
Pittsburgh PA 15214



**Fall 2010**

This program is for anyone who wishes to become a church reader – that is, to assist in the liturgy of the church by chanting the Epistle and Old Testament readings at the Divine Liturgy and Vespers.

The hearing and understanding of Sacred Scripture is a vital part of the tradition of our Byzantine Rite. It is the reader's job to enable this hearing and understanding on the part of the congregation.

In this six-week course, prospective readers will learn:

- About the cycle of readings in the Byzantine Rite
- How to prepare to read in church
- How to use our traditional reading chants and adapt them to any given text
- How to make the Scriptures and their message clearer to those who hear you read.

Students will receive both group and individual instruction in how to read in church.

This course is not just for new or prospective readers; it is also open to experienced readers who would like to improve their knowledge or skills. First year cantor students in the Metropolitan Cantor Institute's four-year cantor education program are also expected to take this course, which we hope to offer twice a year, in the Spring and Fall.

This course is based on a successful series of classes held in 2009 at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church in McKees Rocks, PA.

The course consists of six 2-hour sessions, on weekday evenings, at one of the churches of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

### Reader classes for Fall 2010:

**Tuesdays evenings from October 5**

**through November 9**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Location:**  
**Saint Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church**  
**2005 Mohawk Road**  
**Upper St. Clair, PA 1524**

To preregister for this course, please call (412) 735-1676, or send email to

[admin@metropolitancantorinstitute.org](mailto:admin@metropolitancantorinstitute.org)

**Preregistration is not required, but ensures that we have enough materials on hand.**



### **PLEASE NOTE**

*There is a \$15.00 fee for the six-week course, payable at the first session.*

*Check should be made out to:*  
**METROPOLITAN ARCHDIOCESE OF  
PITTSBURGH**

### DIRECTIONS TO SAINT GREGORY'S CHURCH. UPPER SAINT CLAIR

#### **From Pittsburgh:**

Go straight through Liberty Tunnel to (truck) route 19 South. Follow Route 19 South straight through West Liberty, Dormont, Mount Lebanon and into Upper Saint Clair. Continue on Route 19 past South Hills Village Mall. At the second light after the mall (large colonial-style Westminster Presbyterian Church on your right) turn left onto Brookside Boulevard. Take next right (Mohawk Road). Church is about ¼ mile on your right.

#### **From Washington, PA:**

From Interstates 70/79, take Route 19 North out of Washington. Follow straight through for approximately 15 miles until you pass Upper Saint Clair high school. At the next stop light (there will be a large colonial-style Westminster Presbyterian Church diagonally to your left and a small sign for Brookside Farms on your right) make a right onto Brookside Boulevard. Take next right (Mohawk Road). Church is about ¼ mile on your right.