

Choir Director Report 2018

I started working as the Principal Choir Director for St. Nicholas in March of 2017. Since that time, Andrea, Kevin and I have all been working to improve the music and the organization of all things choir. Specifically, I have concentrated on making musical improvements and increasing our repertoire. Two things we did in the very beginning were to establish choir rehearsal for the Slavonic Liturgy on Sunday mornings before Liturgy. This worked great from the get go and we continue to progress and improve ourselves with these rehearsals. The second was to establish rehearsals on Monday evenings for all choir members. This is also proving to be very beneficial!

Being a good choir member demands sacrifice. It takes an earnest love for the church and it's music, perseverance, and the dedication to practice. Many of our singers have experience singing in choirs and a good musical education. In order to ensure the continuation, care, concern, and excellence of music at St. Nicholas, we need to value the people that do this work. I have a suggestion. Choir members participate in many services throughout the year. However, as it now stands, the Choir Director and choir receive no financial remuneration for their service at Weddings. I would like to suggest a \$100.00 fee for the Director and \$150.00 fee to be used for choir expenses.

We continue to have inquiries from prospective singers - and this is Great! However, people soon realize that the choir takes continued devotion and discipline. We are lucky here to have people that will make this sacrifice. Working together we can and will continue the heritage of beautiful music in St. Nicholas Cathedral!

With love in Christ,

Serge Romanchak