Exploring Musical Connections

“How Sweet the Sound” is an innovative musical event taking place February 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Annunciation Cathedral in Columbus. Through the performances and presentations, the conference asks: What can a musical style from one Christian tradition reveal about another? What can we learn about one another through musical collaboration and experimentation? And how can music help us build bridges across communities? This event will explore the connections between Eastern Orthodoxy and Black Gospel music by presenting a newly-composed setting of the Orthodox Vespers in a Black Gospel style. The composer, Dr. Shawn Wallace, is a professor of jazz at The Ohio State University and a convert to Orthodoxy. The performers are experts in the Black Gospel tradition.

The performance will be preceded by presentations from Dr. Peter Bouteneff, a professor of Systemic Technology at St. Vladimir’s Seminary (who also directs the Arvo Part project there) and Father Moses Berry, a priest of the Orthodox Church of America who specializes in the connections between African Orthodoxy and the African-American experience.

Tickets are free but obtaining one before January 31st is requested. For more details, visit: http://www.howsweetthesound.net

OCF College Conference

Testimonial by Nicholas & Sophia Goussetis

As Orthodox college students, we are often at odds with the experiences we are subjected to on our campuses. For many of us, attending university presents the first time in our lives where we must consciously choose to be practicing Orthodox Christians. While we have countless opportunities to make choices consistent with the teachings of the faith, and many of us are blessed to take part in events and fellowship with our local OCF chapters, being an Orthodox Christian student at university can be a challenge.

We know we speak for others when we say that College Conference is a highlight of being an Orthodox college student. College Conference is a wonderful opportunity to develop knowledge of the faith, discuss meaningful and relevant topics, and cultivate connections with a pan-Orthodox group of students. We are always eager to enter an environment in which shared beliefs and backgrounds allow us to form lasting bonds and learn from our peers and the esteemed speakers.

After participating in the keynote address, workshops, discussion groups, and church services, we leave College

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Conference with many tools to enrich and reinvigorate our campus lives. Inspired by beautiful examples of Orthodoxy, we feel encouraged to share the same joy, love, and wisdom on our campuses.

Year after year, College Conference has been essential to our college experience. Though the conference only lasts a few days, it truly has a lasting effect on our spiritual journeys, giving us a renewed sense of the meaning of our faith. College Conference is the perfect opportunity to learn, reconnect, and continue to choose Orthodoxy.

CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Participants from all over the country come together to experience daily worship, take theology classes from some of the best professors in the country, visit local parishes, serve their neighbor, tour the city, and even spend a day at the beach.

Numerous students from the Metropolis have participated in the program since its inception. For more information or to register, visit: http://www.crossroadinstitute.org