



# It's On!

We are excited to announce that the **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** will be held this year! We know that many of our young people are looking forward to speaking about our Orthodox Faith, and we are so thankful and blessed not to have to deny them of that opportunity. We are all ears! In order to make this happen, we have made some adjustments, the main adjustment being that speakers will submit their speeches for the District and Metropolis level festivals by video. Please visit the website (<a href="https://sforatorical.net">https://sforatorical.net</a>) for details.

# Overview & Timeline

### **Before April 1:**

Parishes may choose to hold live and socially-distanced festivals, live Zoom festivals, or video submission festivals. Parishes have until March 31st to complete their parish festival. After the parish festival, the parish Festival Chairperson will visit the metropolis oratorical website (SFOratorical.net) to register the contact information of junior and senior finalists who advance to the District Festival.

### **Before April 15:**

The parent or guardian of each parish finalist will be contacted by email on April 1 with a link and password to upload the speaker's video. All videos must be uploaded by April 15 for judging at the District level.

### April 25:

The District Festivals will take place via Zoom on the afternoon of Sunday, April 25th (Palm Sunday). All participants will be acknowledged by name, and the four finalists (and two alternates) who advance to the metropolis-level festival will be announced.

#### May 15:

The Metropolis Festival will take place live via Zoom on May 15. All metropolis participants will be acknowledged by name and the two finalists (and two alternates) who advance to the national-level festival (in June) will be announced.

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