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**[Link for the Livestream of the Festival Concert Sunday 6 February at 4:00 p.m.](#)**

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**What to do about bad weather - i.e. Snow this weekend.....**

**Safety first is the rule, never endanger yourself or your family.**

**Second.....follow the directions of the civil authorities.**

**Third.....come if you can, sometimes it works out that other activities get canceled and coming to church/choir becomes an option at the last minute.....**

**Church never stops, the prayers go on.**

The services will always be taking place,  
we are more dependable even than the postal service.

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**\*P. Allen Greetings -**

Another Cold Friday, it must be the end of January! Let it snow, let it snow.....

Here we go, a very special and important week ahead!

**This Sunday**, All Novice and Junior Choristers singing (Required)  
Senior Choristers and HS Singers greatly needed to mentor (Optional)

10:00 a.m. Call

11:00 a.m. Service

The Third Grade Novices and New Junior and Senior Choristers will be promoted and receive their surplice at the service this morning. (Missing choristers are still promoted, but there are no make up ceremonies)

**This Week**

No Morning Rehearsals, everyone comes to the afternoon rehearsals. See schedule below.

**Saturday Dress Rehearsal Required for everyone.**

**We will even wear our robes - for practice and the photos.**

9:45 - noon.

Enter and Exit from Broadway Chantry Gate

Annual Yearbook Photos will be taken at the Dress Rehearsal

**Sunday**

Morning - no choristers singing in the morning, everyone in the afternoon.

Afternoon - Call is 2:15 p.m.

for the 4:00 p.m. Concert in the Church

Enter and Exit from main church doors.

**Choir Parent helpers needed all week**, please sign up for an hour. If every family participates it won't be a burden on anyone and it's fun!

**[Choir Parent Helper Sign up Link](#)**

Have a wonderful, warm and safe weekend.

Love, hugs, prayers and smiles!

Let you light shine and heal the world!

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**\*THIS WEEKEND:**

**Sunday: 30th January: The Novice and Junior Choristers with Senior and HS Mentors Singing**

**Novices and Juniors Required.**

**Seniors Optional and encouraged.**

**10:00 Call, enter and exit from main Church doors on Broadway**

**11:00 Service**

**No afternoon Choir activities.**

**Come and go from the main church doors on Broadway.**

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**NEXT WEEK:**

**FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES 1-6 FEBRUARY, 2022**

The Senior Girls were originally scheduled to sing on Sunday morning 6 February. That is cancelled, the Adults will sing in the morning. All Girls and HS Singers should sing and support the Festival Concert that afternoon.

There will be no morning rehearsals the week of February 1 - 4 we will put all our energy and focus into the afternoon sessions. All Choristers are expected to participate.

Parents to make the revised festival safe and run smoothly I need your help. Please consider signing up for an hour as a choir parent volunteer. I need help all week. We will need extra help on Saturday and Sunday putting on and hanging up our vestments for the photo shoot and concert.

Choristers coming from GCS during the week will enter from GCS, Huntington Close gate.

Choristers coming from outside GCS should enter at 802 Broadway and come into the Church via the font/north aisle door.

Pick up will be from the Honor Room into Huntington Close and out to the Broadway Gate. The Gate will be unlocked at both dismissal times but remain locked otherwise.

Call, don't text, P. A.'s cell if you can't get in. He won't see texts.  
917-733-5117

**Revised Rehearsal Schedule for the Annual Concert of Music for Treble Voices  
February 1 - 6, 2022  
Required for everyone.**

**Tuesday:**

**3:00 – 4:15 Second, Third Grade Choristers  
5:00 – 6:30 Fourth through every Grade Above 3rd Choristers**

**Wednesday through Friday**

**All Novice Choristers (Grades 2 and 3) 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.  
Fourth through every Grade Above 3rd Choristers  
3:20 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 9:45 – Noon**

**Enter and Exit from the Broadway/Chantry Gate:**

**Dress Rehearsal for Concert – All Choristers Singing  
Absolutely required to be able to sing the concert.**

**Annual Yearbook Photos to be taken towards the end of the rehearsal.**

**Sunday Call at 2:15, Concert at 4:00**

**Enter and Exit from the main doors of the Church on Broadway**

**No Reception after the concert this year due to covid safety.**

**HS Singers invited to participate and mentor as much as they are able.  
Let me know when you are coming (even day of)  
so I can be prepared with your music and seat.**

## [Choir Parent Helper Sign up Link](#)

## [How I met Dr. Rose, a little more info.....](#)

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### COMING UP:

**Sunday 13 February, The Choir of Men and Boys sings at 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch after church for Boys.**

**1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Senior Boy and Girls Choristers in the Church.**

**Sunday 20 February, The Adult Choir singing at 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday 27 February, The Girls' Choir with HS Singers and Adults sings at 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch after church for Girls.**

**1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Senior Boy and Girls Choristers in the Church.**

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### **\*All things Covid....**

**We follow the guidelines and protocols established by Grace Church School.**

**\* Everyone over the age of 12 must be vaccinated a minimum of two weeks prior to first rehearsal.**

**\*Anyone ineligible for the vaccine or under 12 must have had a negative covid test not more than 72 hours prior to first rehearsal. If your child is a Grace Church School student, their school test submission is sufficient. If your child attends another school, please submit negative test results here.**

**[Update from NY State via B. Reilly 28 August 2021](#)**

**[Covid Update from GCS, George Davison 24 August 2021](#)**

**\*Masks will be worn at all times indoors.**

**\*When singing a six foot distance will be maintained between singers.**

**Most Recent Update: 7 January based on the communication issued today by GCS.**

#### **Return from Positive Test Quarantine**

Fully vaccinated people who test positive for Covid-19 must quarantine and isolate. They may return to in-person after **five days** from the date of their positive test (day zero) if they are symptom free, have had no fever for 24 hours and are feeling well.

Counting days begins from the date of the positive test, which is day zero. On the sixth day, students may return if they are symptom free, have had no fever for 24 hours and are feeling well.

#### **Return from Household Quarantine**

If a fully vaccinated person lives with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, they can return after five days if they are symptom free AND present a negative test taken after the fifth day.

#### **Exposure**

Fully vaccinated choristers who are vaccinated and boosted who are exposed to Covid-19 by a contact from outside of their household do not have to quarantine. They must monitor their symptoms closely and get tested on the fifth day from exposure.

Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated people who are exposed as a close contact (indoors, unmasked for 15 or more minutes in a 24-hour period), must quarantine for 5 days.

### **Masking**

Masks will continue to be required at all times. All members of the community should wear properly fitting KN95, N95, or surgical masks moving forward. The data suggest that these masks provide much more protection than cloth masks especially against the more contagious Omicron variant. These masks are readily available at drug stores and from online retailers.

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### **\*RECRUITING IS NEVER OVER!**

**The Concert this Sunday at 4:00 is a great recruiting tool.**

**Invite friends and family to come hear your chorister(s) sing!**

**The Choristers sing better with a audience where family is the minority and they also love to sing for their families.**

**Your job is audience development. Bring in fresh and joyful new faces and spirits to grow the music.**

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### **CHOIR ESSENTIALS**

**The Choir Word for 2021-2022 - BEAUTY!**

**The Choir Words for 2020-2021 - SAFTEY and FLEXIBILITY!**

**The Choir Word for 2019-2020 - TEAMWORK!**

**The L's of Choir:**

**Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!**

**The C's of Choir**

**Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity  
- Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Community.**

**Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!**

**[Goggle Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)**

**[Choir Handbook](#)**

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### **\*IMPORTANT LINKS:**

**[The Goggle Choir Schedule Calendar Link](#)**

**[Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link](#)**

**[Sign Up Genius for After School Vocal Coaching](#)**

**[Sign Up Genius Tuesday Night Parent Helpers](#)**

**Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:**

**[www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org)**

**CLICK: MUSIC**

**CLICK: login**

**User Name: helfenstein**

**Password:**

**Stanfordlives1894**

**Contact:**

**[Patrick Allen](#)**

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