

The Axion Estin Foundation* (AEF)

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*Axion Estin Foundation's mission is to promote the appreciation, education and employment of Byzantine music in North America.

The Axion Estin Foundation (AEF) is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that it is a public charity.

AEF has produced an annual conference on Byzantine music. Held in the New York City area, the attendance has been national in scope, and its invitees have come from Greece, England and the U.S.

In 2008 AEF joined forces with the Boston Early Music Festival and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in order to bring The Greek Byzantine Choir directed by Lycourgos Angelopoulos to the United States (The "Sacred Music of Byzantium" CD by The Greek Byzantium Choir is now available through the foundation's website).

Maintaining the high quality of programming, and developing outreach to build the annual conference as a national event are immediate tasks for Axion Estin, looking to our upcoming 2009 conference and beyond.

Axion Estin's past activities have relied first and foremost on the critical support of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of New Rochelle and the broader Hellenic community of Westchester, New York. Seed funds provided by Holy Trinity parishioners during the period 2005-2006, generated funding from additional sources, including the Greek Ministry of Culture, the New York State Council of the Arts, private donors, and the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.