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ADVANCED CONDUCTING MASTER CLASS, CHICAGO, IL

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Talented conductors expect simple and concrete things from a master class: lots of quality podium time and meaningful feedback. In a uniquely designed format, the **Advanced Conducting Master Class** – to be held from June 21st through June 25th, 2017 – offers just that with a professional chamber choir serving as the students’ practice instrument under the guidance of a dedicated teacher and mentor.

“We are thrilled to present this unique experiential program in Chicago. Dr. Peter Jermihov is counted among the finest Orthodox choir conductors in the world. Those attending his PaTRAM master class will be immersed, inspired and mentored in the fine art of choral conducting by an infinitely gifted maestro,” says **Alexis V. Lukianov, Founder and Chairman of the PaTRAM Institute.**

Maestro Jermihov is a student of the legendary Russian teacher—Il’ya Musin and continues the precepts of the Russian School of Conducting in his own conducting and teaching. He has guest-conducted such internationally acclaimed choirs and orchestras, as Cappella Romana, Gloriam Dei Cantores, Moscow & St. Petersburg State Academic Chamber Choirs, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Russian State Academic Symphony Orchestra, Shinsei Nihon Symphony Orchestra, and many others. He appears regularly as a guest-conductor, clinician, and master teacher in universities across America and is the Founder and Artistic Director of the St. Romanos Cappella with which he concertizes and records newly composed works for Orthodox worship and historical masterpieces from the Christian East and West. Maestro Jermihov has served as an Orthodox chanter and choir director in multiple jurisdictions since age 14.

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Dr. Jermihov reflects on his approach to the class: “Conducting is a form of musical leadership that requires ascetic discipline and perpetual self-examination. Together—teacher and student—we will look for answers, some simple and some long-term, and examine where music originates and how we can transmit it to others. **This class will be all about the student!**”

The format of the program will offer 8 *active conductors*, 4 women & 4 men, 3 hours of podium time and intensive individual instruction. In addition, 20 *observer conductors* will receive full access to all 24 sessions and instruction in score analysis and preparation. Members of both categories of participants will be given a chance to audition for the choir. The master class will be taught in English and Russian (as needed), and the repertoire will be sung in English and Church Slavonic. The program will culminate in a celebration of a full All-Night Vigil and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy officiated by **Archbishop Peter of Chicago at the Pokrov Cathedral (ROCOR)**. Selected students will be given the opportunity to direct the choir at both Divine Services. Take advantage of this unique learning opportunity and launch your conducting skills to a new level. Registration will be available on the website below in the near future.

[Advanced Conducting Master Class](#)