

## **The Religious Song and Its Role in The Education of a Young Generation**

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Music is the most sensible modality to express the human feelings. It is not known when it first appeared but it is surely known that it has never existed on earth any community which did not know about it or did not use it somehow. The antiques place it among the sciences to instruct the young people and later on music had a religious role because it made man close to God. Among other aspects music is seen as a variety of reaching the virtue, of purifying from passions, of spiritual growth.

The church will use the music in religious services even from the beginning, being aware of its benefactor role. It was observed that the soul is ready to receive the truth within the religious texts.

In order to discover the role of the religious music in the education we would like to mention the greatest thinkers of the Christianity to see their advice in this field and to decide if they can be applied nowadays.

Saint Basil the Great tells us that not all types of music are good for the young people, not any music determine the purification of the soul and that there is also a noxious music which determines us to bad deeds. There is a story told by Plutarch about Alexander the Great: **"because of the music, once when Alexander the Great heard a song, he rose from the table and went to his arms but he came back to his meal when the song changed"**. Music has a great power on the human being.

**"Song to the Lord those devoted to Him..."** (Ps . 29). It can be concluded that not anyone that has in his mouth the psalmist words sings to the Lord but those who raise from pure hearts the psalms songs. God listens only to those with pure hearts and minds.

We all see today on TV-set all kind of beauty contests, the beauty of the body, together with music that determines us to violence and sex. There was a case described in a newspaper about a young man who, on his way home from a discotheque, murdered someone because of the evil music that he heard. In a secularized world, those who are concerned in the destiny of the country should have a serious care in the spiritual education.

Could the Church help them? If we make an analyze between the young people that listen to religious music and those who listen to the music of our time, we would see that the difference is incredible. There are quite a few those who want to find peace and equilibrium and many of us consider the religious music as being primitive.

School has the most important role in changing this view. to educate the young generation, to show them the benefic effect of the religious music.

The Saints of the old times knew how to educate the young people, even if they did not have so much knowledge in the music theory but they considered it necessary in the education. Therefore it would be helpful if we use the religious music in the education of the young generation because **"when the words are helpless only music can bring peace of the human soul"**.