



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE ^{OF} AMERICA

DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

October 17, 2011

The Reverend Priests, Parish Council Presidents
School Board Chairmen, Principals, and Teachers of
The Parochial Day and Afternoon Schools of
The Direct Archdiocesan District

RE: ANNUAL TEACHERS SEMINAR

We are pleased to announce that the *Annual Staff-Development Seminar* of the *Direct Archdiocesan District* will take place on **Tuesday, November 8, 2011** (*Election Day*), at St. Demetrios High School in Astoria.

Held under the auspices of **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America**, the Seminar aims at offering in-service training to all the teachers serving in the day and afternoon Greek schools of the District as well as of the neighboring areas. It will offer a vast array of workshops intended for the English as well as the Greek programs.

This year, the Greek teachers will have the opportunity to listen to **Dr. Christos Tsolakis**, professor emeritus of the Paedagogical School (Elementary Education) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, who will speak on **“LANGUAGE, PAIDEIA, TEACHING.”** Dr. Tsolakis was invited by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios to address the Greek teachers.

Dr. Tsolakis is a renowned educator in the field of teaching the Greek language and writer of Greek grammar and other school books. He has taught and has been president of the School of Elementary Education of the Aristotle University; vice-president of the Paedagogical Institute; president of Secondary Education for the Ministry of Education of Greece; and president of the Centre for Professional Development of Thessaloniki. He has also served as a member of a Committee of the Greek Ministry of Education afforded with the responsibility for writing books on teaching the Greek language to high school students.

The *Seminar* will start with registration at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Due to a program change this year – **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios will deliver a keynote address early in the morning** – the *Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education* kindly requests all participants to be in the St. Demetrios School Auditorium “*P. Patrides*” very early in the morning of November 8th, according to the program that is attached herewith.

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The Board of the NYC parochial day school principals has designated **November 8th** (*Election Day*) as “*professional development day*,” and the day schools will remain closed so that their teaching staff attends the Seminar. The principals of the District’s afternoon Greek schools are advised to act in a similar fashion, in order that they, too, facilitate their teachers to attend.

For more information and to register, please contact the *Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education* at (212) 570-3553 or (212) 570-3554.

Very sincerely,

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1. Registration Form
2. Seminar’s Program