ANNUAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION OF THE DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT (JANUARY 8, 2009)

The Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education held its **Annual Spelling Bee Competition** on Thursday 8, 2009 for the students of the parochial day schools of the metropolitan New York area. Ten school spelling bee champions participated in the District's Competition that took place at the Archdiocesan headquarters in Manhattan.

Jordan Massey, a seventh-grade student from the "A. Fantis" Parochial School of SS. Constantine & Helen, Brooklyn, won the first place. (On March 24, 2009, **Jordan** represented the Greek Orthodox parochial schools at the *Daily News Spelling Bee Finals*, at Hunter College in Manhattan, and won 6^{th} place.)

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America congratulated the champions and presented each student with an Award Certificate as well as a gift card from the Barnes & Nobles Bookstore.

Mrs. Georgia Eleftheriou, the English language teacher of the "D.G.K." Parochial Day School of Holy Cross, Brooklyn, was the word pronouncer.

Following are the names of the other school champion: Christina Tsangouri, St. Demetrios School, Astoria; Paul Pache, the Greek American Institute, Bronx; Othria Ahmed, Jamaica Day School of St. Demetrios; Eleni Mikelatos, the Transfiguration School, Corona; Demi Varis, "W. Spyropoulos" School of St. Nicholas, Flushing; Thomas Marrinan, St. Spyridon Parochial School, Manhattan; Erica Eidelman, the Three Hierarchs Parochial School, Brooklyn, and Melissa Andrews, D.G.K. Parochial School of Holy Cross, Brooklyn.



(Spelling Bee Award Winner Jordan Massey accepting a Certificate from His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. Pictured are also his mother, Dr. Alice Farkouh, principal of A. Fantis School, and the teacher, Vincenta Papas.)



(His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios with the 2009 Spelling Bee Champions and Mrs. Maria Makedon, director of the Archdiocesan District Office of Education.)