

PRINCIPALS MEETING
ST. DEMETRIOS HIGH SCHOOL, ASTORIA
DECEMBER 2, 2010 - 10:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

The *Office of Education* of the *Direct Archdiocesan District* held a Principals Meeting on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at the High School of the St. Demetrios Cathedral, Astoria.

Mrs. Maria Makedon, director of the *Office*, welcomed the principals and offered an extensive report on her actions and involvement with the New York City Department of Education on behalf of the area parochial day schools.

Mrs. Makedon reported that **\$110,896.00** in federal funds was allocated to the Greek Orthodox parochial day schools for the current school year 2009-2010. This money was earmarked -- and is currently being used – as follows:

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| \$35,377.00 | Title IIA Funds | - | For professional development of teachers (university graduate studies & in-service training workshops) |
| \$20,857.00 | Title I & Title III - Funds | - | For Academic Intervention Services (Math, ELA & English Language Learners remediation - workshops & materials) |
| \$54,662.00 | ARRA Stimulus Funds | | For new technology equipment (Smart boards, etc.) |

It should be noted that the *Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education* was instrumental in securing these funds for the District's day schools. Also noted should be that the NYC parochial day schools receive additional money for various services and assessment practices that the New York State Education authorities mandate.

Mrs. Marc Spyliopoulos, principal of the *DGK Parochial School of Holy Cross Church*, Brooklyn gave a report on the meeting on Special Education with Dr. Steve Albert, Deputy Executive Director/ Division of Students with Disabilities/The New York City Department of Education that took place on November 16, 2010. Mrs. Makedon also attended this meeting.

Furthermore, the principals made an evaluation of the *Annual Staff Development Seminar*, held on November 2, 2010, and discussed its finances. They also set the date for the *Spelling Bee Finals* for Tuesday, December 14, 2010 and offered suggestions for the Greek Letters celebrations to be held in conjunction with the Three Hierarchs Feast Day in January 2011.

Following are the names of the principals who attended the meeting: Mr. Anastasios Koularmanis and Mrs. Betsy Sideris of the St. Demetrios School, Astoria; Fr. George Passias and Ms. Ethel Alegre of St. Spyridon School, NYC; Dr. George Melikokis of the Jamaica Day School; Mrs. Magdalini Orfanos of the School of the Transfiguration, Corona; Mrs. Anne Prokop of the Greek American Institute, Bronx; Mr. Marc Spyliopoulos of DGK School, Brooklyn; Mrs. Sonia Celestin of the Cathedral School, NYC; and Mrs. Josefina Merola of the Three Hierarchs School, Brooklyn.