

DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS ANNUAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION FINALS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014



The Spelling Bee Finals for the students of the District's Greek American parochial day schools took place on Thursday, **January 9th**, at the Headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese with the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America.

Students, all winners in school competitions, participated in the finals. **Nicholas Molinaro** a student of the *Cathedral School of Holy Trinity*, Manhattan was the finalist. **Alexandra Rachiele**, a student of The Greek American Institute, Bronx, was the runner-up. Both students are 8th graders. The winning word was "android."

The rest of the students who participated in the Spelling Bee finals are as follows:

John Carlos Garcia	5 th Grade – St. Spyridon School, New York City
Charles Kambourakis	8 th Grade – D.G.K. School of Holy Cross, Brooklyn
Andreas Tsiaras	8 th Grade – "A. Fantis" Parochial School, Brooklyn
George Tsimisiris	8 th Grade – "W. Spyropoulos" School, Flushing
Christina Papageorgiou	8 th Grade – St. Demetrios School, Astoria

Following the competition, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America presented each student with a "*Certificate of Award*" and a hardbound publication of the Metropolitan Museum of Art on *Greek Mythology*.

The Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund (HTSF) sponsored the event. Mr. Nick Katsoris, president and author the *Loukoumi* Book Series for young children, offered a scholarship of \$100 to each school bee and \$500 to the winner.



The Spelling Bee competitions are sponsored by The E.W. Scripps Company, in conjunction with over 260 newspapers around the world. The competitions aim at improving spelling, increase vocabulary, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage. They are open to boys and girls, in grades 5 through 8. In New York City, competitions are sponsored by the newspaper DAILY NEWS for the public and nonpublic schools.

The Office of Education of the Direct Archdiocesan District coordinates the competitions among the New York City parochial Greek-American day schools.