



# GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

## DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

### OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

## GREEK LETTERS CELEBRATIONS

In commemoration of the Holy Three Hierarchs, on January 30<sup>th</sup>, the *Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education* is coordinating and also organizing the following events to celebrate the Greek Letters and Arts:

### Friday, January 30, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. – Archieratical Divine Liturgy

The principals, teachers, and students of the New York City parochial day schools will attend an Archieratical Divine Liturgy, officiating **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America**, on **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**, Feast of the Three Hierarchs – Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John Chrysostom – at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manhattan.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios will address the students on the life and works of the Three Hierarchs emphasizing the importance of our Greek Orthodox faith and heritage.

A reception will follow in the adjacent Cathedral Ballroom, during which the Archbishop will cut the Vasilopita for the teachers and administrators.

### Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. – Student Awards Ceremony

A special celebration that is entirely devoted to the students of the Greek American day and afternoon schools will take place on **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, at **5:00 p.m.**, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manhattan.

Held under the auspices of **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America**, the students who excelled in the *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* last June will be presented with the **Three Hierarchs Award of Excellence** as well as an icon of the Three Hierarchs.

The **Awards Ceremony** will be held inside the Holy Trinity Cathedral; a reception and a festive musical program featuring the students of **The Cathedral School**, under the direction of Choir Director, Vagelis Chaziroglou, will follow at the adjacent Cathedral Ballroom.

The *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek*, which is developed and administered annually by the *Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education*, assesses proficiency in Modern Greek and, thus, affords students the opportunity to receive foreign language credits in high school as well as in college. Information is available at [www.education.goarch.org](http://www.education.goarch.org).