

# GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

# DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

October 9, 2008

The Reverend Priests, Principals and Teachers of The Parochial Day and Afternoon Schools Of the Direct Archdiocesan District

I would like to convey to you the paternal wishes of **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America** for a productive and pleasant new school year.

I would like also to assure you that the *Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education* will continue offering guidance and assistance to the administrators and teachers of the District's day and afternoon community schools in their untiring efforts to provide the best Greek Orthodox education to students.

Furthermore, I kindly request that you take notice of the following:

### New Web Page Launched

With the help of the Archdiocese's IT Department, the *Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education* has launched its own site on the web. The creation of a separate web page -- www.education.goarch.org -- was essential since the *Office* represents the 10 NYC Greek Orthodox parochial day schools at the federal, state, and city education authorities. The new web page provides an abundance of information and resources on the teaching/learning of the Greek language and culture that is also beneficial to the afternoon Greek language schools.

Our Office's web page features a detailed listing of the District's parochial **day** and **afternoon** schools. Please visit <a href="www.education.goarch.org">www.education.goarch.org</a> and notify us of any changes or corrections that you would like to see regarding your school. It is our wish to enhance our web page with new features, and we will gladly accept your comments and constructive suggestions.

## New Book Orders & Shipping Policy

All books and materials listed in our *Catalog* are now available **online** and will be shipped out by the Archdiocese's *Orthodox Marketplace*. You may place your order either <u>via fax sent to our Office</u>, OR by ordering directly from the *Orthodox Marketplace*. Please note that all orders sent via fax will be forwarded to the *Orthodox Marketplace* for handling. You may download our *Catalog* by visiting either <u>www.education.goarch.org</u> or <u>www.orthodoxmarketplace.com</u>. The enclosed *Catalog* is simply meant to guide you in your purchases. Note that some of the prices listed in this *Catalog* may have changed.

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#### Other Useful Documents and Forms

Enclosed are the following forms and documents, which may prove useful to you as you embark in the new school year.

- 1. The 2008-2009 School Record Form.
- 2. A Teacher Contact Information Form
- 3. The 2008-2009 Calendar of Religious and Greek National Holidays.
- 4. A Teacher Salary Scale Recommended by our Office.
- 5. Our Catalog of Selected Books and Resource Materials.
- 6. An Order Form for Promotion Certificates and diplomas.

Your cooperation in completing the "2008-09 School Record Form" would be greatly appreciated. Please return the "form" to our Office as soon as possible.

Wishing you a successful new school year, I am

Truly yours,

Maria Makedon Director Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education