



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

November 28, 2012

The Reverend Priests, Parish Council Presidents
School Board Chairmen, Principals, and Teachers of the
Parochial Day and Afternoon Schools of the
Direct Archdiocesan District

RE: DISTRICT'S TEACHER SEMINAR RE-SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2013

I am writing to inform you that the **Annual Staff Development Seminar** for the teachers of the day and afternoon schools of the Direct Archdiocesan District and the surrounding areas has been re-scheduled and will take place on **Friday, February 15 (8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**, at **St. Demetrios High School in Astoria**.

The Seminar was originally planned to take place on November 6, but it was cancelled due to the hurricane "Sandy" and the difficult conditions it caused.

The English program of the Seminar has been already designed and will remain as is. The Greek program, however, will be slightly expanded and enriched. The Greek teachers will have the opportunity to learn the New York State **standards** regarding foreign language teaching (LOTE) as well as the requirements of the State Education Department for awarding **credits** to students.

Please note that extensive reference will be made on the *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* that is developed by our Office and will be administered, as usual, in **June 2013**, despite the rumors for the opposite that currently circulate.

The Seminar will feature the first formal presentation of the *Curriculum of Modern Greek Language* that was created by the **Modern Greek Studies Institute/Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, in collaboration with the Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education. Copies of the *Curriculum* will be distributed **gratis** to all teachers attending the Seminar. Details about the Greek program will be forthcoming along with a [new teacher registration form](#).

We would appreciate your making a note of the new date for the **District's Annual Teachers Seminar** as that of **February 15, 2013**. And, of course, we will be happy to see all our teachers attending.

Very sincerely,

Maria Makedon

Director