



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

October 10, 2014

The Reverend Priests, School Board Chairmen,  
Principals and Teachers of the  
Parochial Day and Afternoon/Saturday Schools of  
The Direct Archdiocesan District

**RE: Annual Staff-Development Seminar**

We are pleased to announce that the District's annual *Staff Development Seminar* will be on **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, at St. Demetrios High School in Astoria. Held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, the Seminar offers in-service training to the teachers of the Day and Afternoon/Saturday schools of the District as well as the surrounding areas.

The *District Office of Education* has arranged for an array of presentations and workshops to take place focusing on current trends in Education as well as the mandates set by the New York State Education Department pertaining to the English program of studies of the parochial day schools including the Greek program as the foreign language component.

This year, Dr. Marios Koukounaras – Liagkis, Professor at the School of Theology of the University of Athens, will be our guest presenter. Prof. Liagkis has an extensive experience in teacher training. He will present current methodologies and techniques for the teaching of the Greek language by means of using Art and Applied Theater. Also, he will provide ways of interdisciplinary teaching of Religion and the Greek Language.

We invite all the teachers of the Direct Archdiocesan District as well as those of the neighboring areas to the **November 4<sup>th</sup> Seminar**. We promise to offer you an exciting and rich in content program that will prove useful to your work.

To register, please complete the enclosed "*registration form*" and fax it to **212-774-0248** as soon as possible. For further information, please contact us at 212-570-3552.

It will be a great pleasure to see you all at the Seminar!

Very Sincerely,

Maria Makedon  
Director