October 7, 2015

Greek-American Parochial Day School Principals
Greek- Afternoon / Saturday School Directors
Of the Direct Archdiocesan District

Cc: Reverend Fathers and School Board Chairmen

RE: Annual Staff-Development Seminar

It is with great pleasure to inform you that the District’s annual Staff Development Seminar will be held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America on Tuesday, November 3rd (Election Day), at St. Demetrios High School in Astoria. The Seminar aims at offering in-service training to teachers who serve in District’s day and afternoon/Saturday schools.

This year’s Seminar will include a series of presentations and workshops for the English program teachers of the NYC parochial day schools with the general theme "Writing Across the Curriculum," aligned according to the Common Core mandates of the New York State Education Department.

Greek teachers will have the opportunity to hear a lecture and attend workshops focusing on current methods of teaching the Greek language. Dr. Marios Koukounaras-Liagkis, professor at the School of Theology of the University of Athens, will be the main presenter. Prof. Liagkis had left a great impression to the teachers last year and, consequently, we invited him again this year so that more teachers will benefit from his presentations. (Prof. Liagkis’ topics are attached.)

We invite all the teachers of the Direct Archdiocesan District as well as those serving in the neighboring areas to attend the November 3rd Seminar. We hope that you will find all the workshops interesting and useful to your work.

To register for the Seminar, kindly complete the enclosed “registration form” and fax it to 212-774-0248. For more information, please contact our Office at 212-570-3552.

Your participation in the Seminar will give us great joy!

Sincerely,

Maria Makedon
Director