



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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