



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

January 26, 2022

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
And the Esteemed Principals/Directors and Teachers
Of the Greek Education Schools of the Sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

I hope and pray this email finds you well. As was announced in a previous communication, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, this year our Metropolis has changed the format for the Annual Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Celebration, as instead of an in person gathering we have organized an Essay Contest for the students of the Hellenic Education Schools.

This Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Essay Contest is open to all of the students who are currently in the 6th and 7th grades in their parish Greek School and will be competing against other children within their geographical region. Therefore, for this contest the Metropolis will recognize a winner in each of the five regions of our sacred Metropolis (Northern New Jersey District 1, Northern New Jersey District 2, Delaware Valley, Maryland, and Virginia). In addition, please know that we will also have a Metropolis wide category of the Essay Contest that is open to all students in the 8th and 9th grades where there will be one winner from the Metropolis.

The two topics that the students may choose from for this Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Essay Contest are:

- 1. Τι διδάγματα μπορούν να λάβουν οι νέοι της εποχής μας από τη ζωή και το έργο των Τριών Ιεραρχών;*
- 2. Πώς η ζωή των Τριών Ιεραρχών μπορεί να αποτελέσει παράδειγμα για τους σύγχρονους νέους της Αμερικής;*

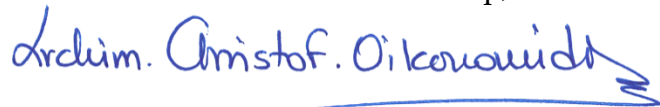
Please know that all essays must be written in Greek (150 to 300 words), must include the name of the student, his/her grade in Greek School and the name of the parish. All essays must be submitted to the Chairman of Greek Education for our Sacred Metropolis, Mr. Demosthenes Triantafillou by email dtrianta@aol.com and must be submitted **by Friday, February 25, 2022**. The results of the essay contest will be

announced in the beginning of March and each of the six winners will receive a \$500.00 monetary prize.

I ask that all of you please wholeheartedly encourage all of the eligible students within your parish Greek Schools to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about their faith and heritage by participating in this first ever Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Essay Contest. If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Metropolis offices at 908-301-0500.

Conveying to you the paternal love and blessings of His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros and thanking you in advance for all of your assistance with this essay contest, I remain

At the Direction of the Archbishop,



+ Archimandrite Christoforos Oikonomidis
Chancellor