



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

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The Reverend Clergy
Esteemed Presidents of the Parish Councils,
Directors and Faculty of the Catechetical and Religious Education Programs, and
Presidents of the School Committees and all Youth Advisors of the
Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved Co-Workers in the Lord,

I sincerely hope and pray that these first days of the New Year 2009 have been ones of spiritual rejuvenation and recommitment to Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church.

I am pleased to once again invite you to attend the upcoming Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey **Religious Education Teachers Seminar** that will be held on **Saturday, March 14th, 2009**, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., hosted by Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 2200 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08753. The theme for this year's seminar will be: **"Living Witness for Christ: Spiritual Responsibility of every Sunday School Teacher."**

It brings me a great deal of joy to announce that at this year's seminar we will have a very distinguished speaker and Greek Orthodox Christian, Dr. Maria Khoury. Dr. Khoury, is the author of *Witness in the Holy Land* (distributed by Holy Cross Press –Brookline, MA), a publication reflecting personal experiences living under military occupation with her husband the honorable Mayor David Canaan Khoury and three children Elena, Canaan, and Constantine. Her articles have been published world-wide in numerous newspapers and magazines and have been translated to various languages bringing awareness of the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

I strongly encourage all, both clergy and laity alike, to attend this free seminar as it will certainly benefit the Religious Education Program of your Parish. Please R.S.V.P. to Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church (732-255-5525) by **Friday, February 27th**, in order to allow the host Community to properly prepare.

Praying that Christ our God continues to bless you and your families, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

Metropolitan Evangelos

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