

## AFTERNOON GREEK SCHOOL

As evidenced by the large enrollment, our afternoon Greek School continues to progress and educate. In our commitment to continuously upgrade our Greek School, we are pleased to announce the continuation of Kiki Maglaras as the Greek School Director, and teacher Eleni Efstathiadis who will be teaching the advanced Regents class. Kiki Maglaras and Eleni Efstathiadis are native Greek speakers with many years of experience in teaching children the Greek language. Both attended foreign language workshops that the Educational Department of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese offers every November to ensure that students get the most out of their Greek language classes. The goal of this program is for our students to be able to read, write, and communicate in Greek, and have a better understanding of their Greek heritage. The final step in the program is for graduates to take the New York State Regents exam and receive credit points as part of their high school transcripts. The Regents exams will be administered by teacher Eleni Efstathiadis, with the assistance of Lainie Christou, a foreign language certified teacher. Despite New York State cutbacks in the Regents program, the Greek Language Regents exams are written and graded by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, so the exams will continue to be given. Those passing the exam will continue to receive New York State high school credits. Various Greek School classes are held Monday through Friday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, beginning Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, and will run through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. For more information, please contact the church office.



From right to left: Father Patric Legato, Zoe Bousbouras, Kristina Marinopoulos, teacher Eleni Efstathiadis (not included in the picture are graduate students John Koletas and Stephen Koletas).

*Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates for passing the Regents exam! Και εις ανώτερα!*

## ADULT GREEK SCHOOL

Under the direction of Kiki Maglaras, St. Sophia is again proud to offer adult Greek language lessons for both parishioners and visitors alike. Classes for three levels are held on Thursday evenings, beginning at 5:30 PM. A registration fee is required, plus the cost of all materials. Classes are scheduled to begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will run through May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please call the church office for further details.