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First Ever Big Apple GOYA Dance Lights Up New York City



New York City witnessed a spectacular event on March 16th as the first-ever Big Apple GOYA Dance took place at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Over 200 teens, aged between 12 to 18, representing more than 30 parishes from all five boroughs of the city, Long Island, Westchester, Connecticut, and New Jersey, gathered under one roof for a night of celebration and joy.

The event, organized by the Archdiocesan Cathedral GOYA, brought together young members of the community for an evening filled with laughter, dancing, and camaraderie. Father Chrystostomos Gilbert, Dean of the Archdiocesan Cathedral, expressed his delight, saying, “It’s heartwarming to see the joy among these kids, laughing and dancing together. Events like these strengthen our bonds as a community and create lasting memories.”

The pulsating beats of DJ Bobby Karounos kept the energy levels high throughout the night with an electrifying playlist and mesmerizing light show. The dance floor was alive with enthusiastic dancers, showcasing their moves and reveling in the vibrant atmosphere.

As a special highlight of the evening, the attendees also celebrated Father Chrysostomos’s birthday, adding an extra layer of warmth and festivity to the occasion. The sense of unity and togetherness was palpable as everyone came together to honor and celebrate their beloved priest.

Reflecting on the success of the event, organizers expressed their gratitude to everyone who contributed to making it a memorable night. “This was truly a night to remember,” remarked one of the organizers. “The enthusiasm and energy of the attendees were infectious, and we’re already looking forward to making this an annual tradition. We hope to see even more participation and excitement next year.”

The Big Apple GOYA Dance not only provided a platform for teenagers to come together and celebrate their shared culture and faith but also highlighted the

vibrant spirit of the Greek Orthodox community in New York City. It served as a testament to the strength of community bonds and the importance of fostering connections among the younger generation.

As the night drew to a close, amidst smiles and laughter, attendees bid farewell to an unforgettable evening, cherishing the memories created on the dance floor. With the success of the inaugural event setting the stage, anticipation is already building for the next Big Apple GOYA Dance, promising an even bigger and better celebration of youth, culture, and community spirit.

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