

## **PARATHOSI 2019 Dance Festival Celebrating Hellenic Culture and Heritage**



The annual celebration of Hellenic Heritage & Dance, PARATHOSI 2019, of the Direct Archdiocesan District of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, now in its seventh year, will take place Sat. Jan. 26, 2019 at Lefrak Concert Hall at Queens College, in Flushing, N.Y.

“This is an important youth ministry of our Archdiocese that promotes our Heritage and Culture. Our parishes and the Omogeneia in general, continue to support the PARATHOSI festival as it grows and expands,” said Fr. Panagiotis Papazafiropoulos, director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of D.A.D. and added: “We bring our youth together and provide a platform for them to showcase their talents and pride in traditional Greek dancing. We are very encouraged with the messages we get and excited about the growth of PARATHOSI in the coming years.”

The dance festival is open to groups from the Metropolises of the Archdiocese and groups from the Greek-American community and associations representing various regions of Greece. The festival is organized in divisions according to age. Division 4 is for children up to 8 years old and their dance performances are not judged in competition. Division 3 is for children 9-11 years of age, division 2 is for youths 12-14, division 1 is for teenagers 15-17; and young adults 18 and over, they compete in the senior division.

Following a full day of the dance competition program, the winners of the competition will be announced and presented with trophies during the Awards Glendi Dinner Dance at Terrace on the Park, in Flushing N.Y. Yianni Papastefanou and Orchestra will provide the entertainment for a wonderful night of dancing and fellowship.

The PARATHOSI 2019 Dance Festival will take place Saturday, Jan. 26, 2018, at Lefrak Concert Hall at Queens College, Reeves Avenue, in Flushing, NY and the program will begin at 10:45 a.m. The Awards Dinner and Glendi, will take place the same evening with cocktail hour starting at 6:00 p.m., at Terrace on the Park, in Flushing N.Y. For more information call (212) 774-0422, email at [\[email protected\]](#) or visit the web page [www.parathosi.com](http://www.parathosi.com)

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