

Archdiocese Undertakes National Study



NEW YORK - As announced at the recent Clergy Laity Congress in Boston, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, has recently engaged the consulting services of *CapinCrouse* and the *Barna Group* as part of a review of the effectiveness of the various departments, programs and ministries of the national Church. To that end, the Archdiocese is currently working closely with the *Barna* firm, which is a full-service research company that has been working with churches and ministries for over 30 years, to design a survey which will be distributed in the coming months to clergy and lay leaders across the country to gather their feedback. All steps will be taken to ensure the validity of the study and the anonymity and confidentiality of responses.

The ultimate goal of this survey is to gauge the efficacy of resources committed to the National Ministries, and to determine how to best optimize investment in, and use of, the financial resources which are provided for the most part by the parishes of the Archdiocese through the total commitment program.

Once finalized, the survey will be forwarded to the Direct Archdiocese District and

Metropolises for distribution. Survey results will be collected and analyzed by the *Barna Group* to be shared with the Archdiocese in Her consideration of National Ministry commitments in the future.