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2024 Oratorical Festival Topic Tips & Resources Released by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is pleased to announce the release of the 2024 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Topic Tips & Resources.

The Topics Tips & Resources includes a bibliography with expansive resources such as books, articles, videos, websites, and liturgical documents. It also includes helpful suggestions to assist participants in brainstorming, developing, and writing their Oratorical Festival speeches. With this document, parents and mentors can better assist participants on the vast range of topics with ease and confidence. Sunday School teachers can guide their students through a discussion on any of the ten topics, and even turn a class into a writing session to encourage all youth to participate in their Church Oratorical Festival.

Check out the 2024 Topic Tips & Resources:
https://www.goarch.org/documents/32058/12241508/2024_Topic_Tips_Resources_Final.pdf/b4df-a45a-36d6-6b4d0d9d40ff?t=1700242790550

Now in its 40th year, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America that centers around faith, education, and fellowship. Greek Orthodox youth participants present speeches discussing the faith and the Church through exploring and deepening their faith while honing their speech writing and public speaking skills. National finalists earn sizable monetary awards, and finalists at all four levels earn scholarships. The Oratorical Festival was established in 1983 by DRE Director Mr. Ernest Villas and Ms. Minerva Stergianopoulos.

HOW IT WORKS:

The Oratorical Festival is divided into the Senior Division (grades 10-12) and Junior

Division. (grades 7-9). The participants start at the parish level, which begins in the new year. Finalists proceed to their district or metropolis level, and then two finalists representing each Metropolis/DAD of the Archdiocese proceed to the national finals, which this year are on June 7-9, 2024, and hosted by the Metropolis of Detroit and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Buffalo, New York.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

Participants at the National Finals receive awards from the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Award Fund, ranging from \$500 to \$2000, and FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism. The Chrysostom Scholarship Program of Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology also offers scholarships at all four levels of the Oratorical Festival ranging from \$2,500 to \$30,000 per year.

REGISTER:

Register for the Oratorical Festival as a parish chairperson or a participant today: www.goarch.org/-/st-john-chrysostom-oratorical-festival-forms-and-registration

SUBSCRIBE:

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