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**Invitation from the City of Thessaloniki to participate in the Student Conference  
focused on the personality, contribution and legacy of Cyril and Methodius  
as well as on their cultural heritage**

**The Student Conference is organized on the occasion of the 1160th anniversary of the  
cultural heritage of Cyril and Methodius, the Saints of Thessaloniki and Slavonic saints**

**Date:** 30 November - 1 December 2023

**Venue:** Thessaloniki City Hall, 1 V. Georgiou str., 54636 Thessaloniki, Greece

**Contributions and topics:**

Students will choose one of the following topics to present in groups of 3-5 persons (orally, in English or in their own language and ideally with a ppt presentation):

- The Christianization of the Slavic peoples by the Byzantines in the context of the Byzantine Commonwealth
- Biographical information, the action and work of Saints Cyril and Methodius
- The mission of Cyril and Methodius in Great Moravia. Contributors, relations with the Church of Rome, and literary works
- The role of Thessaloniki in the creation of the first Slavic alphabet
- The Slavic alphabets and the Greek language
- Selection of typical villages from the Lives of Saints Cyril and Methodius, modern translation, and historical documentation
- Map with the most important locations and streets related to Saints Cyril and Methodius
- Saints Cyril and Methodius and the patron Saint of Thessaloniki, Saint Demetrius

The estimated duration of each presentation is 7-10 minutes. Once we have the accurate number of participants and groups of students we will be able to accurately define the time slots and the duration of paper presentations.



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The language of the conference will be English, so all presentations should be in English. If some participants find it difficult, they can give the presentations in their own language and give the English translation on paper to the participants to follow.

Students papers and presentations will be uploaded to a special webpage of the City of Thessaloniki created for the Conference.

### **Organisation:**

The venue has a maximum total capacity of 220 participants.

The suitable age of participating pupils and students is 13-17 years.

Catering will be provided during the conference with refreshments for participants. The city of Thessaloniki will provide catering with snacks, light lunch and dinner for both days.

Travel and accommodation costs must be arranged by participants at a city hotel. Upon notification of the number of participants, the City will negotiate special rates with hotels near City Hall. The City will ensure that the venue and accommodations are within walking distance.

The program includes city tour and a concert.

There is no participation fee.

### **Registration:**

Students and accompanying teachers can register to the students conference via this short form until 31 October 2023: <https://forms.gle/J9tgUKz5stYN4QG19>

**In case of any questions you may have, please contact:**

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