



## **PAIDEIA OF MAINE IS OFFERING GREEK LANGUAGE COURSES**

Paideia of Maine is pleased to offer a new program to its members and the community at large. Modern Greek language adult courses at any level of competency will be provided by an experienced teacher Ms. Eleni Ntrivalas.

Eleni Ntrivalas is a native Greek speaker. She was born and educated in Greece where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Classical Studies from University of Athens. She has also a M.Ed. in Curriculum Studies from DePaul University in Chicago. Eleni has lived in the United States for 15 years. She has an extensive experience in teaching Greek as a second language to all age groups, from pre-school students to adults. She has served in numerous Greek schools, in the Chicago Metropolitan area where she used to live with her husband and her two children. She has been a speaker at conferences regarding teaching Greek as a second or foreign language. She co-authored the textbook "My Greek" – a nationwide textbook issued by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. She used to be one of the two Co –Directors of the Department of Greek letters of the Metropolis of Chicago. She and her family have recently moved to Maine. She is passionate about teaching Greek to foreigners as she sees it as an opportunity for cultural exchange.

Courses will be offered in 9-10 week semesters. Students will advance to a higher level class, as soon as they progress in their Greek competency to fit higher level class requirements. Students will be placed to a course level matching their competency following a brief interview by the instructor.

Weekly classes will be offered at the Greek School of the Greek Orthodox Church in Portland Maine. The classes will be offered in the evening to fit busy daily schedules. High school students and adults are welcomed.

The plan is to start classes by the end of October 2012. The dates of instruction will be announced when a minimum of 4 students group is established.

For more information please call Eleni Ntrivalas at 899-2812, or Dimitra Toothaker at 329-0895.