



## **DRESS CODE FOR METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA YOUTH EVENTS** (standards for Retreats, WYR, & HDF)

We have established a standard of dress which allows for both individual expression and concern for others. These appearance standards are meant to promote self-respect, love of Christ, humility, and pride within our Greek Orthodox community. The dress code gives standard guidelines to follow based on the principles of modesty, neatness, practicality, and love of neighbor. A youth's appearance should represent the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta in a positive manner and should glorify God.

The fashion world is developing new styles all the time, and the styles are not always right or wrong; however, in a day of constantly deteriorating cultural styles, we feel we must set a minimum standard. It is important to remember that **conformity to our standards is expected for all youth, advisors, chaperones, staff, and adult volunteers**. Together we form the body of Christ and our outward appearance and actions should reflect this at all times.

### **SHIRTS & BLOUSES:**

No sleeveless shirts, including tank tops or halter tops. Please refrain from anything low-cut, or with bare shoulders, bare back, and/or stomach. T-Shirts must not include inappropriate words or pictures. If men are wearing a collared shirt, it should be tucked in. All tops should be of a fit and fabric (not see through fabric) that do not reveal undergarments. Tight fitting tops are not permitted.

### **PANTS:**

Students may wear pants, jeans, and Capri's that are in good repair (no holes or tears) and present a neat, well-groomed appearance. No oversized, baggy, tight fitting pants or leggings are permitted. Except during athletic events, sweatpants, yoga pants, biker pants, or warm up pants are not acceptable.

### **DRESSES/SKIRTS:**

Length must not be shorter than 1" above the knee (this applies even if wearing tights). Tight-fitting skirts and dresses are not permitted. The bodice of the dress must follow the guidelines for tops, and appropriate undergarments must be worn.

### **ATTIRE FOR DIVINE LITURGY:**

Men should wear dress slacks or khakis – no jeans please. Collared shirts are preferred, and a suit coat & tie are appreciated (especially in a hotel or church setting). Dress shoes and socks should also be worn.

Women should follow the guidelines for dresses/skirts above. Dress pants are also acceptable, provided they are not skin tight. Capri's, leggings, and jeans are not appropriate attire for church. Appropriate dress shoes that provide ease of walking are required.