



**03-11-23 Panhellenic student short film competition on the theme: “Memories of Asia Minor and Pontus: 1922–2022”**

The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports and the Special Committee on Cultural Identity of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Asia Minor tragedy, are organizing, for the third consecutive year, a panhellenic student short film (video) competition on the theme: “Memories of Asia Minor and Pontus: 1922–2022”.

2nd and 3rd year middle school students from all over Greece may enter the competition until February 29, 2024, either individually or in groups of up to three, under the supervision of a teacher.

Award-winning participants will take part in an educational program, which includes an educational visit to Chalkida and an awards ceremony.

The central theme of the competition is creative reflection on the Christian roots and the presence of Greek culture in Asia Minor and Pontus. Specifically, students are asked to create a short film (video) of up to six minutes in length, inspired by one of the following figures, who were either born and raised in or played a significant role in Asia Minor and Pontus:

- a. Saint Gregory the Theologian
- b. New Martyr Saint Helen of Sinope
- c. Elias Venezis
- d. Philon Ktenidis

Through their creative work, students will have the opportunity to engage with the history of Asia Minor and Pontus, express their thoughts and feelings on the subject, and reflect on its significance and relevance in modern life, drawing inspiration in particular from the life and work of the figures highlighted in this year’s competition.

Furthermore, they will become familiar with scientific and historical research and will themselves become researchers of the past through the exploration and study of historical sources.