



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

August 31, 2020

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy and the  
Esteemed Presidents of the Parish Councils in the  
State of Maryland of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

I pray this letter finds you well, both physically and spiritually, experiencing all the blessings of our Lord as we prepare to embark upon the New Ecclesiastical Year.

The difficulties that have been experienced by our Communities and devout faithful over the past several months have been particularly challenging as ministries essential to the spiritual growth of the faithful have been hindered in these unprecedented times of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Nevertheless, it is vital that our Ecclesiastical Communities continue to move forward in providing spiritual nourishment offered through their varied ministries.

Therefore, ministries such as the Parish Council, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Greek Education, Youth, and other ministries of the Parish Communities may have in-person organizational meetings provided that the maximum number of persons in attendance at these meetings does not exceed the limitations set forth by Governor Larry Hogan or the respective Counties in which your Parish Community is located while also ensuring that all local, state, and CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, proper sanitizing, and health precautions are taken.

Praying that our loving Lord continues to guard each of you and your families as we begin the New Ecclesiastical Year with renewed spiritual strength and dedication to our Lord, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† EVANGELOS  
Metropolitan of New Jersey