



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

### ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

March 24, 2024

To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy,  
Distinguished Members of the Metropolis Council, Beloved Archons of the Order of St. Andrew,  
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood,  
Dedicated Members of the Parish Organizations, and  
Devoted Orthodox Faithful of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved in the Lord,

*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"* Acts 20:35

I hope and pray this email finds you well as we embark on our spiritual journey through Holy and Great Lent, a period devoted to prayer, reflection, spiritual growth and charity.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey has the beautiful tradition that every year on the first Sunday of Holy and Great Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, all of the parishes in our sacred Metropolis are asked to pass a special collection tray. The proceeds of this tray are solely for the benefit of the beautiful Social Services program of the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Society.

Please know that this wonderful and vital program is truly instrumental for our Metropolis Philoptochos to continue to offer much needed assistance to the less fortunate families and individuals, who are facing hardships and great difficulties in their lives. Therefore, I ask that you all contribute as much as you are able to, in order to assist with this most important ministry of the Church. Your generous offerings will greatly aid the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos to fulfill its sacred mission, to assist all those in need.

Praying that we experience the love and blessings of our Lord so that we may share this same love with our neighbors and all people as we commence Holy and Great Lent, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings

*Metropolitan Apostolos*  
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Metropolitan of New Jersey