



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

November 24, 2024

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,  
Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council,  
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood,  
Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools,  
Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations,  
Devout Faithful of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey,

My beloved in the Lord,

*"The great deeds which the Fathers once wrought in ancient times \* have you zealously equaled, O blest Iakovos, \* and you shone forth as their peer in these latter years, O Saint, \* sacredly tending to thy flock \* at the monastery of \* Saint David, your famed protector; \* wherefore, with him, pray to Christ God \* for us unceasingly and evermore."*

The Apolytikion of St. Iakovos of Evia

May the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be upon you. It is with tremendous joy and excitement that I communicate with all of you, the beloved faithful of our sacred Metropolis, having recently celebrated the Feastday of St. Iakovos of Evia, the new Patron Saint of the Metropolis of New Jersey.

Please know that as a grateful expression of honor and appreciation for the Patron Saint, **I hereby request that on Sunday, November 24, 2024, that a special offering tray be passed in all of the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey** for the strengthening of the Metropolis' works and ministries. Your benevolence is most appreciated as our Holy Metropolis to continue to support and grow our many works and beautiful ministries. *"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart....for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7).

Thanking you for your generosity and praying that our loving Lord continues to bless all of you with every good and perfect gift from above, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

*Metropolitan Apostolos*  
† APOSTOLOS  
Metropolitan of New Jersey