



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

September 5, 2025

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy  
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood  
Devout Orthodox Faithful of the  
Greek Orthodox Communities of the Maryland and Northern Virginia Regions of the  
Sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved in the Lord,

It is with tremendous joy and with much excitement that I announce to you that the 2nd Annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Maryland/Northern Virginia Regions Honoree Grand Banquet will be held on November 9, 2025, at "Martin's Valley Mansion" in Cockeysville, Maryland. On this auspicious occasion, faithful Orthodox Christians from the Greek Orthodox Communities of the Maryland and Northern Virginia Regions will be honored for their selfless service to the ministries of their local parishes.

1. The cost for the 2025 Maryland/Northern Virginia Regions Honoree Grand Banquet for all Guests is **\$100.00**
2. The cost of \$100.00 for each of the 8 Honorees (Community, Parish Council, Philoptochos, GOYA, Religious Education Teacher, a Church Musician, a Youth Worker, and the Senior Steward) is to be underwritten by the respective Parish. **All names of Honorees must be submitted to the Metropolis by Friday, October 3, 2025, by filling out this online form: [2025 Parish Honorees](#).**
3. Parishes are to complete the attached Form for pre-arranged banquet seating, which will also indicate the total number of Banquet Attendees from each parish. The Banquet will be seating tables of 10.
4. All payments for the Banquet are to be collected by the Parish. Each parish is to then send one check to the Metropolis for the total amount payable to the *Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey* along with the completed Banquet Form **Friday, October 17, 2025**. Banquet Forms that are received without the accompanying payment will not be processed.
5. Please be reminded that the Honoree Grand Banquet is open to all who wish to join us in expressing our gratitude to those who have served the local Parishes for many years. We anticipate that each Parish will be represented by as many parishioners, family, friends, and supporters as possible. Therefore, please make the appropriate announcements to your beloved faithful.

6. In addition, this there will once again be a Commemorative Journal Album. All of the information is included on the enclosed document. I ask that you please forward this information to all of your parish ministry leaders, all of your parishioners and local business owners encouraging them to support your parish Honorees and our Metropolis by placing an ad in the Commemorative Journal. **All ads must be received by Friday, October 17, 2025.**

Praying that almighty God blesses you and your families and all the devout faithful of our sacred Metropolis, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Apostolos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. A long, sweeping horizontal line extends from the end of the signature to the right, ending in a small upward hook.

† APOSTOLOS  
Metropolitan of New Jersey