

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

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My Beloved,

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη! I pray this letter finds you well, both spiritually and physically as we continue our sacred service in our Lord's vineyard.

It is with tremendous joy that I write to you to express my most heartfelt appreciation to the entire Greek Orthodox Community of Frederick for the warm welcome and wonderful hospitality offered to me for my Archpastoral visit to the parish on Holy Tuesday, April 30, 2024 to preside over the Bridegroom Service. The wholehearted welcome I received by the devout parishioners is truly indicative of the faithfulness of the community and demonstrates your true devotion to our Lord and to His Church. I thank you also for the most generous gift which you offered to me as well as for the beautiful reception. It is my most fervent prayer that this beautiful parish and its ministries continue to grow and expand, bringing all the faithful closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ as we continue our sacred mission to spread the Good News of the Holy Gospel.

Praying that our Risen Lord, through the intercessions of the Apostles, continues to bless you and the entire Greek Orthodox Community of Frederick, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

Metropolitan of New Jersey