



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

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## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

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To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

Dear Fathers,

I pray this letter finds you all well experiencing all of God's Heavenly blessings.

As a result of email communications which are wrongfully and uncanonically originating from the Archdiocese in NY, confusion regarding liturgical services is being created. As per the decision of the Holy Eparchial Synod, each Metropolitan will make the appropriate decisions which will be in effect in each Metropolis, and the Parishes which comprise it. I assure you that I am vigilant and in communication with all local and state authorities, and we will comply to the government directives. **The only directives to which you will put in effect on a Parish level, will be those which are communicated by myself, your Metropolitan.**

Praying that God continues to grant you and your Communities spiritual fortitude in these difficult times, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† EVANGELOS  
Metropolitan of New Jersey