



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

March, 2019

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council,
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhoods, Faculty and Students of the
Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and
all devout Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox
Communities of the Delaware Valley Region of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

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

It is with much excitement and great pride that I announce that on **Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 1:00pm** the Annual Greek Independence Day Parade will be held in Center City Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, highlighted by the **Presidential Guard of Greece, the EVZONES**, who will honor us once again with their presence. The annual parade grants the opportunity for Hellenes and Philhellenes from throughout the Delaware Valley Region to gather together in celebration of the declaration of independence of the great Hellenic Nation from the oppression of the Ottoman Turks.

It is truly right for us as faithful Greek Orthodox Christians and proud Greek Americans, and/or Americans of Hellenic Descent to together celebrate with enthusiasm and zeal this most significant day in the history of Greece, the mother of the Sciences and Democracy. Therefore, I encourage all of you to participate in and to proudly lead your beloved Communities in the Annual Greek Independence Day Parade. Let us pack the parade route, along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, with thousands of proud Greek Americans as we demonstrate to the world the importance of liberty, justice and independence.

Praying that you will be strengthened from above during this most holy time of the year through the intercessions of the Most Holy Theotokos, I remain,

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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Metropolitan of New Jersey