



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

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To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, the Esteemed Principals and Educators of the Greek Afternoon Schools, and the Devoted Parents of the Communities of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

I pray this letter finds you well, both spiritually and physically, experiencing all of our Lord's bountiful blessings.

The past several months have been particularly difficult on our Communities, families, and our beloved children due to the upheaval of every day life in this era of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Although we have not yet returned to complete normality, the Church has been preparing for its ministries to resume, especially those related to education. One of these important ministries is Greek Education which, in addition to teaching our youth the Greek language, culture, and history, also instills in them ideals central to our Orthodox ethos and Greek heritage. The importance of Greek Education cannot be emphasized enough not because it is a point of nationalistic pride, but because it is vital to perpetuating timeless principles and preserving our Greek Orthodox identity.

Therefore, I strongly encourage you to register your children in the Greek School program at your Parish Community. Your children's participation in these programs is crucial both for their own education and for preparing them to be the next generation of stewards to whom are bestowed our life-giving faith and rich cultural heritage. Register your children in Greek Education so that they may be more involved in the life of the Church and, thereby, bring them closer to our Lord. Praying that God grants you and your families His abundant blessings, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† E V A N G E L O S
Metropolitan of New Jersey