



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΗΣ

June 20, 2011

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 Societies, 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 Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

I pray that all of you are well as we enter the summer months and we break from our regular schedules. I ask all of you to remember your Communities and your Metropolis. We must all be reminded at this time of year that there is no time when we are 'off' from serving the Church or our fellow man. While we are enjoying our vacations and time away it is important to be mindful that our Communities are feeling the absence of our presence. Where ever we travel to it is of paramount importance that we remain receptive to the Gospel of Christ at all times.

I encourage each and every one of you to embrace and use this time to rest and rejuvenate yourselves and your families. Give thanks to God for all things and pray that we all will return to our Communities refreshed and prepared, both spiritually and physically, to embrace the New Ecclesiastical Year which is just a few short months away. My beloved, I will hold all of you in my prayers as you travel near or far, that our Lord Jesus Christ will keep you in His Embrace, now and always.

Praying that all of you have a peaceful, restful, and joyous summer, I remain,

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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

To be read from the pulpit on June 29th (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul) and Sunday July 3rd, 2011