GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY
ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

November 11, 2018

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 Sisterhood,
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 Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

As we prepare to celebrate the Feastday of the Patron Saint of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, I greet all of you with much love and enthusiasm.

In honor and in special recognition of Saint John Chrysostom, **I ask that the annual special offering tray be passed in all of our Parishes on Sunday, November 11, 2018.**, for the benefit of the pastoral ministries of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey. Your generosity is critical in order for our Holy Metropolis to be able to meet its ongoing philanthropic and administrative needs. May our loving Lord, "...who gives us richly all things to enjoy," (1 Timothy 6:17) bless and multiply your generosity with all good things from above.

Furthermore, I remind you of the Nativity Fast which shall begin on November 15th and lasts until December 24th in preparation of his glorious Incarnation. I paternally encourage all of our Orthodox Faithful to attend one of the Regional Holy Unction Services that will be celebrated on Thursday, November 15th throughout our Holy Metropolis. In this manner, we will spiritually prepare ourselves to welcome the Christ-child into our midst as well as put into practice the exhortation of St. James, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

Wishing upon all of you a blessed and spiritually uplifting Nativity Fast, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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Metropolitan of New Jersey

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