



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΗΣ

October 19, 2023

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils,
Dedicated Greek Dance Instructors and Advisors,
And Beloved youth of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved in the Lord,

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them." Matthew 19:14

May the grace and love of Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be upon you.


It is with great joy and much enthusiasm that I announce to you that the Annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Hellenic Folk Dance Festival will take place on January 12 – 14, 2024 and will once again be hosted by the SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Annapolis, Maryland.

Please be aware that the Annual Hellenic Folk Dance Festival is a beautiful and successful Metropolis youth event and therefore, I wholeheartedly request that all of the parishes of our sacred Metropolis support the FDF by urging your parish dance groups to participate. The FDF provides our youth a unique opportunity to gather together with other young people from throughout our Metropolis for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, of sharing of our rich Hellenic culture and traditional folkdance, as well as spiritual growth in our Orthodox Faith. Therefore, let us not hinder, but encourage our youth to grow closer to Christ and closer to our Church through their participation in this blessed youth event.

Enclosed with this letter please find the 2024 Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Hellenic FDF registration packet, which contains all of the details and schedule for the FDF weekend, as well as all of the parish registration information.

Praying that our loving Lord continues to bless you and all the dedicated faithful of our sacred Metropolis with every good and perfect gift from above, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings


† APOSTOLOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey