



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

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The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

I pray this letter finds you well as we continue our Spiritual Journey through Great and Holy Lent.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic that has swept across the globe continues to have new life-altering effects, creating new challenges for us as we continue our divine mission to His Church. One of these new challenges is that we now have many parishioners that are now unable to attend the divine services because they are feeling unwell, because they are afraid to leave their homes, or because they are a part of one of the groups listed as particularly vulnerable to catching this virus (the elderly, those with chronic illness, those suffering with auto-immune disease). Therefore, I ask that you please encourage all of your parishioners who are unable to attend the services to please take advantage of the available online live streaming services being offered by our parishes, so that they are still able to participate in in the liturgical life of our Church.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey has two parishes that livestream the Divine Services:

- Ascension Greek Orthodox Church in Fairview, NJ:
www.ascensionfairview.org/live/
- St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Toms River, NJ:
<http://www.stbarbaranj.org/live-services>

Praying that our loving Lord continues to bless and protect you and all of our devoted parishioners, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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