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To the beloved Clergy of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey:

It is with much joy and archpaternal gladness that I write to inform you of Bishop Apostolos of Medeia's unanimous election as Metropolitan of the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey by the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Holy and Sacred Synod this past Monday, June 24.

For the past two and a half years, His Eminence has been serving the spiritual and pastoral needs of the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey with much love and respect. And now, with his election as Metropolitan of New Jersey, His Eminence embarks on a new ministry as the Shepherd of this blessed Metropolis of our Sacred Archdiocese of America. I am confident that all of you join me in exclaiming AXIOS for this most worthy and faithful hierarch of our Church. Kindly know that Metropolitan Apostolos is to be commemorated in all of the divine services celebrated in the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey.

Please also be aware that the **Enthronement** of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey will take place on **Saturday, September 16, 2023**, at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint John the Theologian in Tenafly, New Jersey**, at **10:30 a.m.** His Eminence will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy as Metropolitan of New Jersey the following day, **Sunday, September 17**, at the Cathedral as well.

Bestowing upon all of you my Archepiscopal blessings, I beseech our Heavenly Master to protect you forevermore, keeping you under the wise spiritual care and guidance of your new Shepherd, His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey.

With much paternal love in Christ,

+ ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America