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## **Metropolis of New Jersey Holds Fall Clergy Synaxis**

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On Tuesday, October 17, 2023 the first Clergy Synaxis of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey since the enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey was held at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Wilmington, Delaware with the participation of over 60 priests and deacons from throughout the sacred Metropolis. His Eminence began the Synaxis by welcoming the clergy and conveying the Patriarchal blessings of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. In addition, he expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the clergy for their participation in his Enthronement, as well as the beautiful gifts offered by the Clergy Syndesmos. Following His Eminence's welcome, reports were offered by the Chancellor of the Metropolis, the V. Rev. Christoforos Oikonomidis, the President of the Clergy Syndesmos, the Rev. Protopresbyter George Chioros, as well as from the representatives of the various committees including the Archdiocesan Benefits Committee, the Archdiocesan Presbyters Council, Hellenic College/Holy Cross Alumni Association, the Scholarship Committee, as well as presentations on the Youth Ministries/Youth Safety and Communications. In his Archpastoral address to the Clergy, His Eminence offered pastoral guidance to the clergy explaining that their role in the church is to be examples of the Christ and the Holy Eucharist and they must remain focused on the sacred mission that has been entrusted them by God and the Church, to bring our people to salvation. Metropolitan Apostolos also spoke about the importance of perpetuating Orthodox Tradition and utilizing the language of the Gospel, the language of the Holy Fathers, and therefore instructed the clergy that in all the parishes the Epistle, the Gospel, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer must be offered in both languages. He also expressed his recommendation that the Acolytes be given the opportunity to read the Epistle in English. His Eminence continued in his address by asking the clergy to respect their hierarch and their own priesthood and to be attentive to their own ministry and to the ministries of their parishes, must especially to the youth and the hospital ministry. His Eminence concluded by expressing his paternal love and blessings to all of the clergy and to their beloved families.

[2023 Fall Clergy Synaxis Photo Gallery Link](#)

