



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

February 2019

Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers,  
Esteemed Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils,  
Esteemed Presidents and Members of the Philoptochos Sisterhoods,  
Esteemed Directors, Faculty and Students of the Greek Afternoon Schools,  
Esteemed Presidents and Members of the Parent Teacher Organizations of the  
Greek Orthodox Communities of the Northern New Jersey Region of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

I pray that this letter finds all of you enjoying the blessings of God.

As Greek Orthodox Christians and as proud Hellenes will look forward with much anticipation to the various liturgical and patriotic ethnic celebrations that will mark March 25<sup>th</sup> as a day of freedom and independence for the Greek Nation which was enslaved for over 400 years under the Ottoman yoke.

With this in mind, it is my pleasure to once again invite all of you, Faculty, Students, Parents, and PTO members, to a special **Grand Celebration** in honor of Greek Independence Day that will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian (353 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, NJ) at **6:00pm on Monday, April 8, 2019**. Highlighting the celebration will be the world renowned **EVZONES**, the Presidential Guard of Greece, who will honor us with their presence.

All Afternoon Greek School Classes that are normally scheduled on a Monday are to be **cancelled** on this day so that all Teachers, Students and Parents may attend the celebration in Tenafly; boys who have traditional "*tsolia/foustanela*" costumes and girls who have traditional "*amalia*" costumes should be dressed in them. Those who do not have should wear a white dress shirt/blouse and blue pants/skirts. Kindly RSVP to St. John the Theologian Cathedral (201-567-5072) by **Monday, April 1, 2019**.

I very much look forward to being with all of you for this magnificent celebration in honor of Hellenic Freedom and Ideals and once again invite you to join me in once again welcoming the **EVZONES** to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey.

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

*Metropolitan Evangelos*

† **EVANGELOS**  
**Metropolitan of New Jersey**