October 19, 2023

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Members of the Metropolis Council, Beloved Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptchos Sisterhood, And all devout Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Communities of the sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved,

The grace of your words illuminated the universe like a shining beacon. It amassed treasures of munificence in the world. It demonstrated the greatness of humility, teaching us by your own words; therefore, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede to Christ the Logos for the salvation of our souls.

Apolytikon of St. John Chrysostom

May the grace and love of Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be upon you. On Monday, November 13, 2023 the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey celebrates the Feastday of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, the Patron Saint of our sacred Metropolis. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be present to celebrate with all of you on this joyous day in the life of our sacred Eparchy, as I will be traveling to Constantinople for the Meetings of the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. However please know that the Orthros and Divine Liturgy will still be offered at the Metropolis Chapel of St. John Chrysostom with the following schedule:

**Monday, November 13, 2023**

9:00am  Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
Reception to Follow

Please know that I invite all of you to be present on this beautiful day in the life of our sacred Metropolis, so that we may join together as one spiritual family and worship together in honor of our beloved Patron Saint.

Praying that our loving Lord, through the intercessions of St. John Chrysostom, continues to bless all of you and all the faithful of the Metropolis of New Jersey, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings

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