



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

June 19, 2020

Rev. Protopresbyter Michael Pastrokos  
Mrs. Stamatia Ieromonahos, President of the Parish Council  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
520 South Ponca Street  
Baltimore, MD 21224

My Beloved,

I pray this letter finds you well experiencing all of God's Heavenly blessings. Your letter dated June 2, 2020 in regards to the reopening of your parish was received.

Please know that after reviewing the submitted document with your signed certification that the parish has made all appropriate preparations required by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, in accordance with all Federal, State, Local and CDC guidelines, I hereby give my blessing and grant permission for your request to reopen and receive your beloved parishioners back into the Church.

**Therefore, effective Sunday, June 21, 2020 the parish of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore, Maryland has my permission to enter Phase 1 of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Three Phase Reopening Strategy.** I look forward to receiving your reports following the conclusion of each service so that I may study and analyze the progress being made as we begin this difficult transition.

Praying that our loving Lord continues to bless and guide you as you begin this most important process of welcoming our beloved faithful back into the parish, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† EVANGELOS  
Metropolitan of New Jersey

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