



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

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The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy  
and all devout Orthodox Christians of the Communities  
of the Delaware Valley and Northern New Jersey Regions of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

The greatest gift that God had ever bestowed on humanity was the gift of life. He has also allowed it to be possible for people to help one another in improving their quality of life or even in saving another's life. This gift from God must be recognized and, as Orthodox Christians, we must endeavor to live it every day of our lives. Numerous times throughout Holy Scripture Christ exhorts us to help those in need. St. Gregory the Theologian even says, *"Grace is given not to them who speak their faith, but to those who live their faith."* This shows us that in order to be active in our Orthodox faith, we must seek to also put our faith into action. Today, one of our fellow Orthodox Christians is in need. A parishioner of the Greek Orthodox Community of St. Thomas in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, is fighting the battle against Leukemia and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. We need your assistance in helping this parishioner find a match.

Therefore, I implore all of you to register yourselves with the "Be the Match" Registry which helps to coordinate and match potential donors to people in need. The process is simple. After you register you will receive a cheek swab kit at home. You will also receive an ID profile which we ask you to send by email to: mariakara411@yahoo.com. Preferred donors are between the ages of 18-44, but anyone up to 60 years old is able to register to see if you are a match. Please do this today as time is of the essence. Your efforts will not just aid in helping someone, but they will literally be life-saving. In doing this, you can help to truly bring St. Paul's words to fruition, *"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ"* (Gal. 6:2). It is my sincerest prayer that you take this important step in helping save the life of a fellow Orthodox Christian and the lives of others who are in need.

Praying that our Lord continues to bless you all with an abundance of His Heavenly Blessings, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† EVANGELOS  
Metropolitan of New Jersey