



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΗΣ

### MESSAGE OF HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN EVANGELOS OF NEW JERSEY UPON THE REPOSE OF THE SERVANT OF GOD THE VERY REVEREND ARCHIMANDRITE SERAPHIM POULOS

I was truly and deeply saddened upon being informed of the falling asleep in the Lord of our beloved Fr. Seraphim. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies and condolences to his family, faithful parishioners and beloved friends. Know that he is in my fervent prayers for the repose of his soul *in the bosom of Abraham*.

Fr. Seraphim's depthless love for Christ and His Church was and remains an indelible part of his character in perpetuity. He was a dedicated servant of the Lord who loved his flock deeply and served his entire life faithfully dedicated to God. His success as a parish priest was seen on various levels within the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey and especially as the shepherd of the Greek Orthodox Communities of the Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, Virginia and Sts. Nicholas, Constantine, and Helen in Roseland, New Jersey. His dignified and devoted presence before the Holy Altar of our Lord and his love for ministry and for the parishioners he shepherded defines his legacy.

Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live"* (John 11:25) giving us the promise of the resurrection of all people at the Second Coming. May our Lord grant all of you, as well as the countless Parishioners and friends who have been touched and blessed by Fr. Seraphim abundant strength and divine peace through these uplifting words of our Lord, allowing the Holy Spirit to aid and comfort your pain as we commemorate the life and ministry of Fr. Seraphim. May his memory be eternal.

It is my sincerest prayer that our heavenly Father, who reminds us that, *"I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience,"* (Revelation 2:19) continues to strengthen all of us, who feel the void left by Fr. Seraphim's departure to eternal life, with *every good and perfect gift from above*.

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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Metropolitan of New Jersey