



MEDIA ADVISORY

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HIS ALL HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW TO VISIT THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY AND SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN ANNAPOLIS, MD

His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey, joyfully and with profound sentiments of gratitude to Almighty God announces the forthcoming Patriarchal visit of His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey and specifically to the SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Annapolis, Maryland, on Monday, November 2, 2009.

Metropolitan Evangelos, together with the Clergy of our Holy Metropolis, will welcome the Ecumenical Patriarch on this auspicious occasion and his second historic visit to this God-saved Eparchy of the Ecumenical Throne. His Eminence enthusiastically invites all Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of the Metropolitan Council and Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos as well as all pious Orthodox Faithful of our Holy Metropolis to join him at the Greek Orthodox Community of Sts. Constantine and Helen in Annapolis, Maryland in welcoming our beloved Spiritual Father and Leader of world Orthodoxy.

In anticipation of His All Holiness' visit, His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey remarked, *"It is with much spiritual pride and elation that we shall welcome into our Holy Metropolis of New Jersey once again our most beloved and revered Spiritual Father, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's visit comes at a time of spiritual rejuvenation for our Holy Metropolis and his presence among us will inspire us to continue serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with all of our hearts, minds, souls and strength. I am confident that all of our pious Orthodox Faithful appreciate and realize the great honor that His All Holiness bestows upon us once again by visiting us during his visit to the United States."*

Further, His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelos, together with the Reverend Protopresbyter Kosmas Karavellas, Pastor of the Parish, the Members of the Parish Council and the Orthodox Faithful of Sts. Constantine and Helen as well as Orthodox Clergy and Faithful from throughout the Metropolis will offer a special tribute in honor of His All Holiness, Ecumenical Bartholomew as on this auspicious date he shall celebrate the 18th Anniversary since His most worthy Enthronement and

ascent upon the Ecumenical Throne of Constantinople, the Mother Church of Christendom. Please join us in Annapolis for the celebration of the Grand Doxology which shall take place at 5:00pm where and when all shall have the opportunity to receive the sacred Patriarchal and paternal blessing of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the 270th Successor to the Apostle Andrew and spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide.

More details will be forthcoming concerning the Ecumenical Patriarch's visit as they become available.