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**All Junior Orthodox Youth
Of the Delaware Valley Region
Are Invited to Join us for a Jump-A-Thon**

**Saturday, April 10, 2010
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church
615 Mercer Street, Cherry Hill, NJ**

**All Proceeds to Go to the I. O. C. C. to
Benefit Haiti Emergency Relief Fund**

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Dear Reverend Fathers, Sunday School Teachers, JOY Advisors and Parents,

It is with heavy hearts that we read the newspaper accounts or watch television reports of the devastation in Haiti. Let us give thanks to the almighty God that we live in an area not prone to earthquakes and keep the people of Haiti in our daily prayers. I am certain that you will continue to be generous in offering all types of assistance in the long, hard months and years to come.

As Christian Educators, we are charged with guiding our young people, getting them involved in service and making them aware of the contributions that they are able to offer. It is with this in mind that the idea of a "Jump-A-Thon" was proposed for our JOY aged children (students in 3rd - 6th grades, inclusive.) With this activity, a child can solicit pledges and "earn" a sum of money to be applied to the I.O.C.C. Haiti Emergency Relief Fund.

Please encourage the children of your parish to JUMP WITH JOY FOR HAITI. Additionally, you should speak to them about the aftermath of the earthquakes in Haiti, encourage them to pray for people around the world who are less fortunate than they are and stress the importance of "Diaconia" or service to others - especially during the Lenten Season. You may also wish to tell them about the many projects of the I.O.C.C. so they will know about the way our Orthodox Church responds to those in need.

I invite you mark your calendar and plan to attend the **"Jump-A-Thon" on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.** Please make this event a priority so we can show an out-pouring of love to the earthquake survivors.

Wishing you a blessed and meaningful Great Lent 2010, I remain

With love for our Lord,

Father Emmanuel Pratsinakis
Rector