



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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## PASCHAL ENCYCLICAL 2021

Reverend Clergy  
Holy Monastics, and  
Devout Parishioners of the Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

As we enter into the second year of a world pandemic, we are now told that the COVID virus was manmade in order to control the world population. Whether this is true or not, we are witnessing a changing society in our nation, as well as in other parts of the world, wherein negative feelings are expressed by groups and individuals with acts of violence leading to the deaths of innocent people. As members of the Church, we must not lose our faith knowing the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we are at the time of Great Lent in which we are preparing ourselves to honor and venerate the Supreme Sacrifice of our Lord which He volunteered for the "life of the world" as He states in Holy Scripture.

Our Lord tells us very clearly in the Holy Gospels that before His glorious return to gather His people for His eternal Kingdom, terrible events will be taking place throughout the world. The fact that He voluntarily accepted to offer His holy Body and Sacred Blood on His now Holy Cross, which is the supreme symbol of eternal life in His coming Kingdom, we do not need any other kind of evidence to convince us that His words are true.

Therefore, beloved members of His Church, let us at this time, more than ever, follow and attend the holy services of the Church especially during Holy Week, and follow our loving Lord as He volunteers to be arrested, ridiculed, and beaten without mercy, as He sacrificially goes to be crucified, offering His Holy Body and Sacred Blood on the Tree of Life, and establishing His eternal Priesthood becoming both Priest and Sacrifice, bringing His broken world back to eternal perfection for His faithful people, His eternal icons who beseech Him to gather them for His heavenly Kingdom.

Our loving Lord and Savior tells us in His own words in the Holy Scriptures that there will be an end to the terrible events that are coming upon the world, and immediately after those events there will be signs in the heavens, preparing His people for His glorious return.

In His Holy Name, I urge all members of His Church to attend this year's Holy Week's services, so that you will experience more than ever how our loving Savior in total humility came into this broken world and by His Supreme Sacrifice on His life-giving Cross has been preparing His people to experience the coming perfection of His creation, and to welcome His heirs to the new world and everlasting life in His eternal Kingdom.

Let all of us be together in our churches at the beginning of the Holy Resurrection Services and the Divine Liturgy right after midnight on Saturday night and early Sunday morning to greet one another with the victorious words and our coming eternal life,

CHRIST IS RISEN! - XPICTOC ANECTI!

With paternal blessings and  
Love in Christ,

*Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver*  
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