



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

PASCHA 2014

Protocol 14-01

Rejoice, Jerusalem, for you now see Christ the King coming forth from the Tomb as the Bridegroom.

Paschal Aposticha

Beloved in the Lord,

As we once again receive the Bridegroom raised from the Tomb, let us also recall that He will return in glory at the time of His Parousia. As He returned to life and gathered His Apostles into His Church after His resurrection so, too, He is returning to gather His people into His coming Kingdom. This was the message so brightly proclaimed at the Holy Bridegroom services held at the beginning of this Holy Week.

For almost two thousand years since His glorious resurrection, His people have greeted one another on this feast saying, “Christ is risen!” This uninterrupted and unbreakable living tradition will culminate in His triumphant Second Coming.

Anticipating the arrival of that unending day, we will hold fast to the sure knowledge that He is the Eternal Bridegroom of the Church. We therefore continue to celebrate, with unwavering faith, the expectation of His glorious return at which He will gather up His Bride, the Church, and take Her with Him to His Kingdom. As that day draws closer, let us ceaselessly greet one another with the joyous declaration,

CHRIST IS RISEN!
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

With Paternal Love and Joy,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver