



# Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver

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The Pious Priests and Deacons  
of the Holy Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

As we prepare to enter the new calendar year 2007, and you prepare your local liturgical schedule, I am enclosing two items for your use.

First is the Kanonion for 2007 issued by the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as well as an English translation of the same. The Kanonion is the authoritative document prescribing the order for Epistle and Gospel readings on Sundays throughout the year, and it also indicates the tone and eothinon of the week. As such it governs the Sunday services celebrated throughout all parishes in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver.

Second is a schedule of days on which the Divine Liturgy is to be celebrated in the parishes of this Metropolis. This schedule will promote uniformity throughout the Metropolis, and all pastors are expected to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on these days. It is understood that some of these Liturgies might not be scheduled in the smallest parishes which do not have a full-time priest.

As always, the specific schedule of services for your parish should take into account the nature of your parishioners and should respect their pious practices. For instance, there may be other feasts that have special meaning to certain members of the flock entrusted to your care.

Please remember that the complete liturgical cycle for the celebration of *both* weekday feast days *and* Sundays includes Vespers, Orthros, *and* the Divine Liturgy.

Do not place too much importance in numbers and how many people attend Vespers, Matins, and the week day feasts: you and whoever is with you are praying for all the members of the parish. If these services are celebrated piously and correctly, and if they are offered regularly and consistently, the people will slowly begin attending and participation will increase. As a minimum, if your parish does not celebrate Vespers on Saturday evenings, as well as on the eve of major feasts, I ask you to begin doing so.

The order for celebrating these feasts, as well as for all services of the Church, is governed by the Typikon of the Great Church of Constantinople, and its details are specified in the Ἡμερολόγιον τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, which at the direction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate will be ordered for you by the Archdiocese and sent to you from the Metropolis Office. You will receive your copy and a bill for the cost of the volume and shipping, as soon as they are received at the Metropolis Office.

I pray that this new ecclesiastical year will bring God's abundant blessings to you and the faithful.

With Paternal Blessings,

✙ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

Enclosures