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CHRISTMAS 2008

"God has visited His people"
Luke 7:16

Beloved People of God,

These inspired words, of prophecy that was fulfilled, were joyfully shouted out by a person in a crowd of people who witnessed the resurrection of a young man, the only son of his widowed mother, who was being taken for burial.

Saint Luke the Apostle, who was precise in detail, wrote that when our Lord saw the widowed woman, He had compassion on her.

This expression of compassion is based on God's infinite love for the people on earth whom He created to live forever in His Kingdom. God saw that we could not save ourselves, and in fulfillment of His divine plan for our salvation, He lowered the heavens to visit us, His people. Becoming even lower than the angels, He took flesh from the holy Theotokos and became one of us.

During this holy Christmas season, we celebrate the entrance of our Lord into this fallen world. He came to free us from the clutches of Satan and his demons, who still prowl the earth during these latter days, attempting to tear us away from the Source of Life, our compassionate and loving God.

As this fallen world continues on deeper and deeper into the mire of self delusion, which our Lord describes as a new Sodom and Gomorrah, we continue to look forward with great hope and joyful anticipation to the fulfillment of our Lord's promises of the establishment of His coming Kingdom.

The birth of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ into this world verifies that He has truly visited His people. May this holy season, then, be most joyful and blessed for you and your loved ones at this time and throughout the new year.

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver