



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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*The dead shall rise and they who are in the tombs shall be raised, and they who are in the earth shall rejoice for the dew from You is healing to them.*  
ISAIAH 26:19

Beloved in the Lord,

Once again we come to that moment in the annual ecclesiastical cycle which is the cause of unsurpassed joy for all who celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ from the dead.

For almost two thousand years our holy forebearers, the faithful people of the Church, have celebrated this world-changing event, carrying it down to us. It is the ultimate expression of God's great love for His people. God did not allow His people any longer, after thousands of years, to remain in the darkness of Satan's prison and in the depths of the earth. The eternal Logos of the Father entered into our fallen human condition for the very purpose of raising us up to our eternal destiny which is His coming eternal Kingdom.

The reality of the Kingdom is already here; for our Lord conquered death, condemning all sin in His own flesh. He destroyed Satan's former kingdom when He descended into Hades, after allowing His holy Body to be lifeless in the Tomb. He did this so that you, His people, will never fear death.

Life now reigns! Life now is indestructible! Life now is our inheritance, as we celebrate our Lord's triumphant resurrection!

Let us, therefore, be filled with victorious exultation, for  
CHRIST IS RISEN!

With Paternal Blessings in our Risen Savior,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver